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GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. LINERS

Dutch Vessel First Victim Of Latest U-Boat Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, FEB. 14 (UP).—HITLER'S ORDERS TO ADMIRAL RAEDER TO COMMENCE UNRESTRICTED WARFARE ON ALL NEUTRAL VESSELS SUBMITTING TO THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL WILL APPLY, THEORETICALLY, TO SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

Under U.S. neutrality legislation, American ships are not permitted to touch at any European ports except those in the Mediterranean.

But even if they submit to contraband control at Gibraltar whilst en route to or from Mediterranean ports, German submarines will have the theoretical right, under the new "sink on sight" decision, to torpedo them. In effect, Germany has decided that all ships submitting to Allied contraband control will be treated as having lost neutral status.

Whether U-Boat commanders will actually torpedo American or Japanese ships will, the same quarters state, "depend on circumstances."

Washington Silent

State Department officials in Washington decline to comment on the German claim that she has the right to sink American liners.

Diplomatic quarters in the U.S. capital believe that the statement has been issued in an attempt to minimise the importance of the torpedoing of the Netherlands liner Bergerdijk, which was sunk in the English Channel.

Britain Blamed

A later message from Berlin states that Germany charges that British warships, without "any rights or justification whatsoever, are compelling neutral ships to enter British harbour and are searching them on the High Sea thereby creating a new British right to themselves."

"Britain alone is solely responsible for any damage neutral ships may suffer as a result of German attacks while en route to British harbour," the statement adds.

U.S. Not Concerned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Government quarters state that U-boats could legally sink an American ship forced into a British Control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded 50 per cent. of contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by the Berlin spokesman defending the sinking of the Dutch vessel and saying that American ships holding the same status would be fair victims.

Hitler's New Orders

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—New instructions that mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching here from Berlin.

The Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, which was sunk on February 12, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures.

The "Telegraaf's" Berlin correspondent, reporting what he was told at the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship is homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

The correspondent believes that the commander of the submarine which sank the Bergerdijk could not have acted on his own responsibility since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German Navy. Hence he must have been acting on instructions amounting to a sort of a "blank cheque" for destruction.

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships to search them at sea instead of taking them to a control point in the Downs.

Merciless Revenge

Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed without explanation if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new rule.

Feeling in Holland is particularly bitter that Germany persistently

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Many Ships Torpedoed In U-Boat Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UP).—British and neutral shipping alike suffered to-day from Germany's latest campaign of frightfulness on the High Seas.

The largest victim was the 12,300-ton Blue Star Line's steamer Sultan Star, which has been torpedoed 200 miles south of the Irish coast.

AN S.O.S. signal from the Sultan Star, one of the largest merchant ships thus far sunk in the war, states that she was torpedoed shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The last wireless message was transmitted at 11.42 a.m.

It announced simply: "Crew now leaving ship."

The Sultan Star, which was launched at the Cammell Laird yards in 1930, was the largest freighter in the Blue Star fleet.

Tankers Destroyed

Almost simultaneously with the sinking of the Sultan Star came news of the loss of the British tanker Cretafield, of 10,191-tons, which was either mined or torpedoed off the north-east coast of Scotland.

Only 28 of the crew of 41 were saved. Eighteen of the survivors have been sent to hospital with minor injuries.

The tanker British Triumph (6,800-tons) sank after hitting a mine. Five of her crew of 42 are missing.

Among the neutral victims is the 2,300-ton Danish motor-vessel Kirsten Maersk, well-known on the Far Eastern run. She was torpedoed by a German U-Boat in the North Sea.

The crew of thirty men were rescued.

Twice Torpedoed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Five men are believed to be missing from the British Triumph, a London tanker of, 8,501 tons, which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea.

Twenty-one members of the crew were landed at an East Coast port and 21 at another port.

The 16 year old wireless operator told how twice in two months he had been rescued from oil tankers sunk by explosions. This had been his second voyage on a British boat and on each occasion he had been shipwrecked.

On December 2, 1939, he was an assistant wireless operator on the tanker San Calisto which struck a mine and sank. He received internal injuries necessitating an operation.

He had only just recovered when he joined the British Triumph.

The British Triumph was attacked by enemy aircraft at Great Yarmouth roadstead only a fortnight ago.

Naval Defence Plans

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and counter-measures. These can only be judged by re-

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MORE NAZI SHIPS OUT

Attempts To Run The Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With 60 tons of coffee, lard, cotton and grain aboard, the German freighter, Uruguay, 5,846 tons, of the Hamburg-South America Line, slipped out of Pernambuco to-day.

She was the last of ten German vessels lying there to sail.

At the same time, the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons, the Norddeutscher Lloyd freighter, sailed from the Amazon delta, but is reported to have stopped later at Gaivota Island some 75 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Coruna, a Hamburg-South America Line vessel of 7,000 tons, an oil-burning passenger ship, are still unknown.

Harwood At Rio

Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, in a statement to the Press, emphasised that H.M.S. Hawkins was not involved in any incidents with German ships, thus ruling out the possibility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the Wolfsburg which, like the Wakama, is reported to have opened her seacocks off the north coast of Brazil when a British warship was sighted.

It is learned unofficially that H.M.S. Hawkins will remain at Rio for 48 hours instead of 24 as at first reported. The need for slight repairs to her machinery is given as the reason.

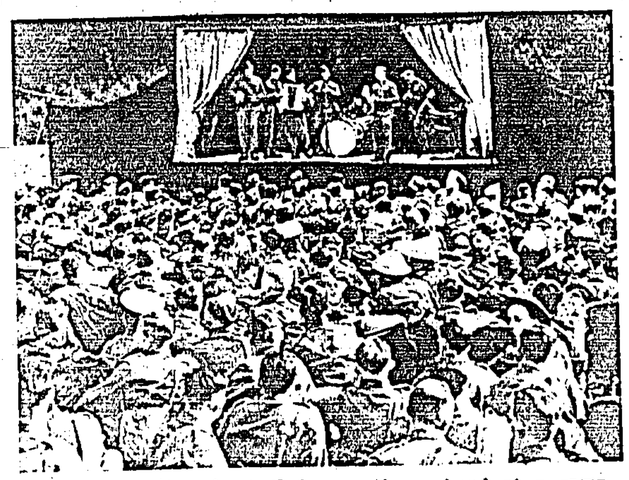
KING PRESENTS NEW COLOURS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King yesterday presented new colours to a battalion of the Irish Guards on the parade ground of Wellington Barracks.

The King then went to the Tower of London where he presented colours to a battalion of the Welsh Guards.

On both occasions he wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the regiments.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES



SOLDIERS listening to their own dance band at a camp 'somewhere in England.' *Photo courtesy of B.B.C.*

Advance Posts In Red Hands

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A Finnish official communique issued to-night admits for the first time that the Russians have occupied advance posts in the Mannerheim Line.

Another official communique issued to-day states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued their heavy attacks on Tuesday.

Only on the Summa sector, states the communique, has the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our foremost supporting points but a thrust checked them in front of our supporting points.

Everywhere else, the enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers.

Thousands were killed and dozens of destroyed tanks were left in front of our lines.

The fighting is continuing.

North-east of Lake Ladoga our troops dispersed all enemy attempts to thrust forward and a few tanks were destroyed.

Battalion Mowed Down

In the direction of Kuhmo (Central Finland), one Russian battalion was mown down and several "nests" were destroyed.

There was lively patrol activity in other sectors.

The communique also mentions that the Finnish air defences were involved yesterday in a number of air battles and Finnish planes continued to successfully bomb the enemy concentrations and encampments.

Among other places, the Russians bombed Viipuri.

It is estimated that during the day several hundred enemy planes were in action over the country. The Finnish fighters and air defences shot down 17 enemy planes, according to confirmed reports.

Finn Counter-Attacks

It is officially announced that successful counter-attacks were carried out to-day on the Karelian Isthmus. The fighting is stated to have been particularly sanguinary.

The Russians fiercely bombarded the Mannerheim Line.

In Complete Control

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Feb. 14 (UP).—It is announced that Finnish troops now have complete control of Suomussalmi and the Kuhmo highway despite repeated Russian air attacks. Kuhmo village is no longer subjected to Russian artillery fire, indicating that the Russians have commenced to withdraw their heavy artillery to the frontier.

It is understood that at least 35,000 Russian bodies are lying in the battlefield.

British Volunteers

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day it was stated by Capt. O. Peake, Under-Secretary in the Home Office, in a

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WORLD WAR SAYS QUO

China Fights On Same Fronts As Allies

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—At the National Liberal Club to-day, 250 were present at a luncheon in honour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the British Ambassador in London.

Speaking on the inter-actions of war in China and Europe, Mr. Quo said: "There is no European war. There is no Asiatic war. There is a world war.

"Whether here, where you have hardly started fighting, or in Asia, where we have already drained our blood and our resources, it is the same war, waged by the same opposing forces.

"So my first desire is to enter a caveat against the thinking which in effect would say 'Get the thing settled in Europe and everything else shall be added unto it.'

"A European settlement, however achieved, settles nothing by itself even for Europeans.

"The Chinese coast means as much to you as the Baltic and the Balkans in every vital interest that you have."

Referring to Mr. R. A. Butler's re-assertion in Parliament on January 31 that Great Britain intends to adhere firmly to the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "Every year since 1922 makes that Treaty's provisions more useful and more indispensable to international order and prosperity, especially to Anglo-American security and prosperity as well as to Chinese welfare."

Eden Not Going To Ankara

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was reported from Ankara to-day that Mr. Anthony Eden would visit Turkey before returning home from Egypt. This has been officially denied in London.

ESBJERG, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Danish Navy announces that a Danish inspection boat is bringing four German pilots who were forced to land in the Faero Islands. The men will be interned at Hald where there is a big internment camp.

BLITZKRIEG MAY BE LAUNCHED BY HITLER SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"The second phase of the war will soon begin," said Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information, speaking at Altrincham, Lancashire, to-day.

Hitler, he said, might launch a great offensive or might hold his hand. If Hitler took the former course, he said, the British people would rise to the occasion as they always had done in the past.

Germany had the advantage of a much longer preparation in time of peace and her stock of munitions were certainly very large, he continued.

It would be significant indeed if she failed to deliver a carefully prepared and massive blow.

Alluding to the Prime Minister's distinction between war aims and peace aims, Sir Edward Grigg observed that peace aims would of necessity remain a dream until the war aims were realised.

There could be no future but degradation and darkness for Europe and for Britain if the military power of Germany were not destroyed, he said.

Four Things Needed

Four things, he added, were needed for victory.

They were rapid expansion of the Allied fighting forces already formidable though they were vastly increased; output of munitions; strong national finances, and a buoyant export trade.

"We can all play our part in one or other of these four branches of national effort. In particular we can save and bear the shortage of many things which we normally enjoy", he said.

While the Government is doing all it could by rationing and by pegging food prices he said, and in other ways trying to lessen hardships, it was necessary to stress that hard times lay ahead.

"Let us face them proudly, for no generation of men ever marched beneath a cleaner banner for a nobler goal," he concluded.

LATEST

200,000 MEN CALLED UP

ROME, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Marking the first tangible result of meetings during the past days of the Supreme National Defence Council, the Italian Government to-day called to the colours 200,000 additional men of the 1910 and 1920 classes.

The mobilization is believed to have been made as a precaution against the increasing tension reported from the Balkans.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is shortly visiting Rome to again confer with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Informed political circles state that Hungarian-Rumanian relations have not yet taken a turn for the better and the forthcoming conversations between the Foreign Ministers of Italy and Hungary will have important effects on the Balkan situation.

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ANSWER (LIKE THIS PHOTO) IS IN THE NEGATIVE

Hitler Rejects Pan-American Note

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany replied to-day to the note sent to all belligerents as regards the establishment of a 300-mile security zone around the Americas.

The reply welcomes the desire of the republics to maintain strict neutrality and says that the contemplated regulation would represent an amendment of international law.

German warships have observed international regulations. They therefore cannot be considered as different from other belligerents, for Britain and France have possessions on the American continent and have established important bases there.

Germany, therefore, suggests that Britain and France, under guarantee of the United States, should accept an obligation not to use these possessions and islands as starting points or bases for military action.

More Battalions To Be Raised

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Orders have been issued for the raising of three more battalions for the Indian Territorial Forces.

Recruiting starts as soon as possible.

"HITLER" IN ENGLAND FOR A SPOT OF LEAVE

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Hitler is now on shore leave in England. No, it is not Der Fuehrer but a cat from H.M.S. Repulse.

The Repulse, which has been sunk time and time again by Goebbels but is otherwise unharmed, is now in dock so that she can get a refit and her men can get shore leave.

Half of the crew returned from shore leave to-day and the other half are now enjoying their holiday.

With them went one of the ship's two cats, born on her last trip to sea. He is called Hitler.

A reporter who went on board H.M.S. Repulse reports that she "is quite safe and sound" despite Goebbels.

An officer told him that although the ship had no heroic sagas to sing she had put in 130 days' steaming before returning to the base.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd February. ..... **Feb. 15.**
Canton ..... Feb. 15.
Shanghai ..... Feb. 15.
Manila ..... Feb. 15.
Straits ..... Feb. 15.
Swatow ..... Feb. 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 4th January). Feb. 16.
Australia and Manila ..... Feb. 16.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 9th February ..... **Feb. 16.**
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th February ..... **Feb. 17.**
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 8th Dec., 1939) ..... Feb. 17.
Haiphong ..... Feb. 17.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Feb. 17.
Saigon ..... Feb. 17.
Shanghai ..... Feb. 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February ..... **Feb. 18.**
Canton ..... Feb. 18.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon ..... Feb. 18.
Japan ..... Feb. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Feb. 18.
Haiphong ..... Feb. 19.
Japan ..... Feb. 19.
Shanghai ..... Feb. 19.
Straits ..... Feb. 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Feb. 15

Sandakan ..... 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ... 1.45 p.m.
Ord., ... 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard ..... 2.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) ..... 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong ..... 3 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai ..... 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Amoy ..... 8.30 a.m.
Tourane ..... 8.30 a.m.
Japan ..... 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 26th February.
K.P.O.
Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—Due San Francisco, 23rd. February
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... **Feb. 16, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.**
G.P.O.,
Reg. ..... **Feb. 16, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 17, 7.30 a.m.**

Saturday, Feb. 17

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ... **Feb. 17, 5 p.m.**
Ord., ... **Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.**
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ... Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Amoy ..... 9.00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 19

Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.
Dairen ..... 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong ..... 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haihow ... 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) ... 2.30 p.m.
Canton ..... 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Shanghai ..... 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong ..... 2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Par. ..... 11.00 a.m.
Ord. ..... Noon.
Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... **Feb. 20, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.**
G.P.O.
Reg. ..... **Feb. 20, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 20, 7 p.m.**
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... **Feb. 20, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.**
G.P.O.
Reg. ..... **Feb. 20, 5 p.m.**
Ord. ..... **Feb. 20, 7 p.m.**
Japan ..... 7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

British Press Comments

HITLER'S USE OF HIS VICTIMS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A variety of topics were discussed by British newspapers to-day.

Commenting on Hitler's use of his victims of conquest, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that a year ago, M. Coulondre, French Ambassador to Germany at the time when Hitler was taking over Czecho-Slovakia, was asked what was the real significance of this move.

'In a letter written on March 19, 1939, he suggested that Hitler wanted to have at his disposal during the time of war a great reserve of labour and power and that supply from Czecho-Slovakia would help to fill up war gaps.

This prophecy, says the "Manchester Guardian", has come true, as not only has Hitler got the Czechs but also the Poles.

Hitler's Coolies

These labourers are called Hitler's coolies—the description is an apt one.

A new decree gives these labourers under Nazi control, who are not Germans, a special wage rate substantially below that of the German rate.

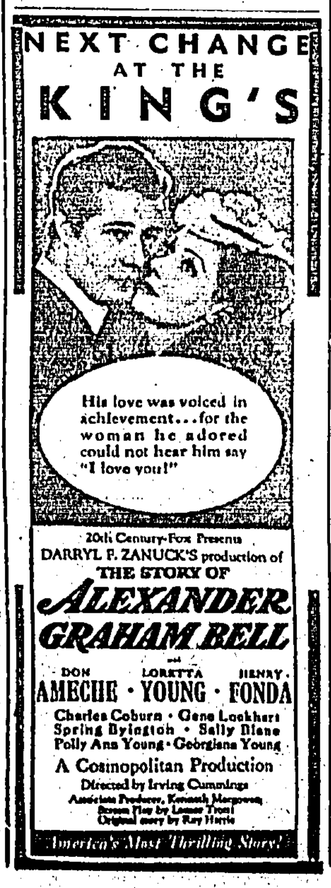
This is how Hitler proposes to recognise Europe, the paper concludes.

The German Method

The "Times" comments on German terrorism which it says aims at eliminating the bravest, the most distinguished, the most learned and the most able of inhabitants which come under Hitler's control.

The "News Chronicle" discusses the curious result of evacuation of children from danger areas. If the evacuation has given the town children a taste of, if not for, the country, it has improved health and brought town and country children together.

But there is another result of more questionable value—the impact of dialects, for instance, the impact resulting from the meeting of a Cockney boy and a West Country



NEUTRALITY IN WARTIME

THESE three pictures are from neutral countries, yet all show that they are concentrating their thoughts on warlike subjects. The above picture is of Swedish soldiers moving up light artillery in deep snow. These troops are trained specially to endure the hardships of a northern winter.

Here is King Carol with his son Prince Michael at an inspection of new headquarters of the Rumanian Military Academy. Rumania's army, the King decently declared, is prepared to defend the national frontiers to the last drop of its blood. And Rumania, like Sweden, sees Russia as a possible enemy.

Labour Motion Rejected

Railway Profits Guaranteed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—By a majority of 67, the House of Commons on Tuesday night rejected the Labour motion for the nationalisation of inland and coastwise transport.

The debate arose over the Government scheme whereby railways are guaranteed £40,000,000 profits a year while they are under Government control.

Mr. Herbert Morrison attacked the agreement on the ground that it guaranteed the railways higher profits than they would have made in peacetime.

Two Merits

Captain Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the agreement had two merits. They were paying for railways as they used them with no postponed liabilities. The scheme combined economy with efficiency.

The day after the agreement was signed, he went on, the railway workers received an advance of wages.

If left to themselves, the railways would have made much more than they will under the agreement.

Australians' View-Point

Same Now As In The Last War

CANBERRA, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Archie Cameron, leader of the Australian Country Party, broadcast from Australia to Europe to-day.

He addressed his remarks in particular to the German people.

Discussing fundamental war aims, he said that the British Empire desires nothing from German owners.

In the past, he said, British countries had provided homes for German emigrants many of whom had been welcomed in Australia and were now a part of it.

The British Empire merely insists that Germany's neighbours shall be allowed to maintain their independence and their own state of liberty, he said.

Germany is now meeting Australia again with little learnt from the last war.

Same As In 1914

The Australians felt, he said, as they did in the last war. They were participating in it not because Government had ordered them to do so but because they believed in the justice of the British cause.

Seven Australian divisions fought in the last war and others will follow them this time, he continued.

Looking towards the future after the war was over, Mr. Cameron said that they hoped that political, civil and religious freedom would be established in Europe and that the small states could exist side by side with the big ones without feeling any threat from one man.

Fleet Expansion Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives Naval Committee have unanimously agreed to the two years $655,000,000 fleet expansion programme.

The Committee have also approved the President's programme to permit the navy to construct an additional 21 warships and 22 auxiliary vessels in the next two years.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that a general licence has been granted for British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and a licence has also been granted for a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

In anticipation of this statement, M. Ivan Maisky, Russian Ambassador to London, was seated in the Diplomatic Gallery.

R.A.F. Has Its Tail Up, Says Air Chief

BOMBERS RIDDLED BY 8-GUN FIGHTERS

By RONALD WALKER
News Chronicle Correspondent with the R.A.F.

FRANCE.

"THERE is no doubt about it. Whenever a Hurricane or a Spitfire gets in touch with the Bosche the enemy machine is shot so full of holes that it resembles a colander."

That statement was made by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, during his first tour of inspection of the R.A.F. in France.

He was standing in a village which is now headquarters of one of the British bomber squadrons and closely inspecting billets of the airmen and making a detailed examination of the menus prepared for the week.

Full Of Confidence

"The British 8-gun fighters have fully come up to expectations," he continued. "And the fighter pilots have learned valuable lessons from their successful attacks on the enemy.

"The R.A.F. have got their tails right up. There are few things they would like better than to have a crack at the enemy. The Air Force is in great heart and is facing the future full of confidence. People at home can rely on them working to the highest traditions earned in the last war."

Sir Cyril Newall said the R.A.F. was grateful to the French military authorities for the assistance they had received and to the French people for the way in which they had received British airmen into their villages and houses.

Tribute To Men

Already many of the men had made considerable progress in learning the language. One of them had progressed so much that he thought that a *coup de grace* was a lawnmower.

During this tour the Chief of Air Staff has been assured that the maintenance of aircraft in the field is not so difficult as was expected.

Back in England in peace-time aeroplanes are tucked up at night in cosy hangars. Here they stay out in the open, constantly exposed to the wind and rain.

Nevertheless, the ground maintenance crews, who have to keep the fighters and bombers in tip-top order, have a tough job, and Sir Cyril Newall paid a tribute to their work.

PILOT ESCAPES

BRUSSELS.

A 21-year-old R.A.F. pilot named R. Kennedy, who was interned when he made a forced landing at Esch (Luxemburg) has escaped into France.

Kennedy informed the colonel of the Luxemburg Barracks that he could no longer consider himself to be on parole.

He was forbidden to walk in the city in civilian clothes, and was shadowed by an Army officer.

Later he suggested a walk on the ramparts. The officer agreed.

Suddenly, Kennedy shook hands, said good-bye, and jumped 15ft. below into the darkness.

Shipping Line Has No Ships Left in Fleet

MONTREAL.—The steamship line without ships and without a country is maintaining its Canadian offices, convinced that better times are ahead.

These are trying days for the Gdynia-America Line. It's impossible to live up to the Company's slogan of "the only direct line to Poland," since the German-Russian invasion

It's impossible, too, to maintain the "regular sailings to Baltic ports" advertised on the office windows, now that the Pilsudski, flagship of the company, has been torpedoed, and the other ships of the line taken over for Allied war service.

But the same spirit that keeps the Polish Government functioning on French soil is evident among the officials of the Gdynia-America line. Its business is at a standstill, it is forced to move to less pretentious quarters—but skeleton staffs are kept at work. The company is carrying on.

THESE Dutch troops on manœuvres show how Holland also is looking to her defences. In this picture is a machine-gun nest hidden in reeds and undergrowth in the Dutch lowlands.

Supplies For Allies Jam American Ports

NEW YORK.—Tangible evidence of the aid being given the Allies and, to a lesser extent, to Finland in the present armed conflicts in Europe is had at the New York Foreign Trade Zone, a free port, at Stapleton, S. I., where more than $18,500,000 worth of bombers, trucks, trench diggers, tinned beef and other goods await the arrival of Allied and neutral shipping to transport them to the war zones.

The demand for storage space at the free port occasioned by the wars has so taxed the facilities of the port that operators have asked the Dock Commission of New York for two additional piers. Operators of the zone said they had 50,000 tons of cargo for which they cannot find room and bookings for space run six months in advance.

The free zone is the centre of shipping activities for materials consigned to warring nations because storage facilities—so necessary when merchant shipping schedules are upset by war—are available there which cannot be found elsewhere.

Transshipment Point

The zone is outside the territory of the United States so far as the collection of customs is concerned. Goods from other countries may enter there without payment of duty and remain until imported or transshipped. Thus products from South America may be unloaded there to be picked up by British vessels for transshipment home without payment of customs.

Almost covering the available lots enclosed behind a barbed-wire fence stand 1,500 motor trucks painted a shade greener than the familiar olive drab of World War days. These have been bought by France and will be used to transport troops. Crates wired to truck bodies carry spare parts, canvas covers and machine-gun mountings. Five hundred more trucks will join them within a few days.

Not far from these trucks stand another 1,000 trucks which will carry French provisions and equipment.

In all, about 6,000 trucks will arrive at the zone within the next two months to be stored until freight steamships can be brought here to carry them to Britain and France.

Sixty dark brown, camouflaged reconnaissance bombers also are in the zone, part of an order for 250 built for the British at a cost of $25,000,000.

Planes For Finland

Twenty crated bombing planes destined for Finland were lined up in the zone yesterday ready for shipment to Finland by way of Sweden.

Near one of the piers are 13 trench diggers, huge power shovels costing $3,000 each, consigned to France. This number will be augmented by 270 soon.

Inside crowded sheds are piled approximately 500,000 cases of Argentine beef, estimated to be worth $3,500,000. Bales and bags of sisal and ixtle, fibers used to make rope, also lie in port waiting to be shipped to Britain for use in the Royal Navy.

Under private management business conducted by the Foreign Trade Zone Operators, Inc., has forged ahead. In the year ending Jan. 31, 1938, when the zone was operated by the city, 11,000 tons of cargo valued at $1,500,000 was received. the operators, who took over on May 15, 1938, cargo valued at $8,000,000 and weighing 60,000 tons was received. For the six months ending Oct. 31, last, 63,000 tons of cargo, valued at $14,984,000, was unloaded in the zone.

Preference System Introduced

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With the view to expediting production and delivery of cotton goods to meet Government requirements and export orders, a system of preference directions will be brought into operation under the control of the cotton industry.

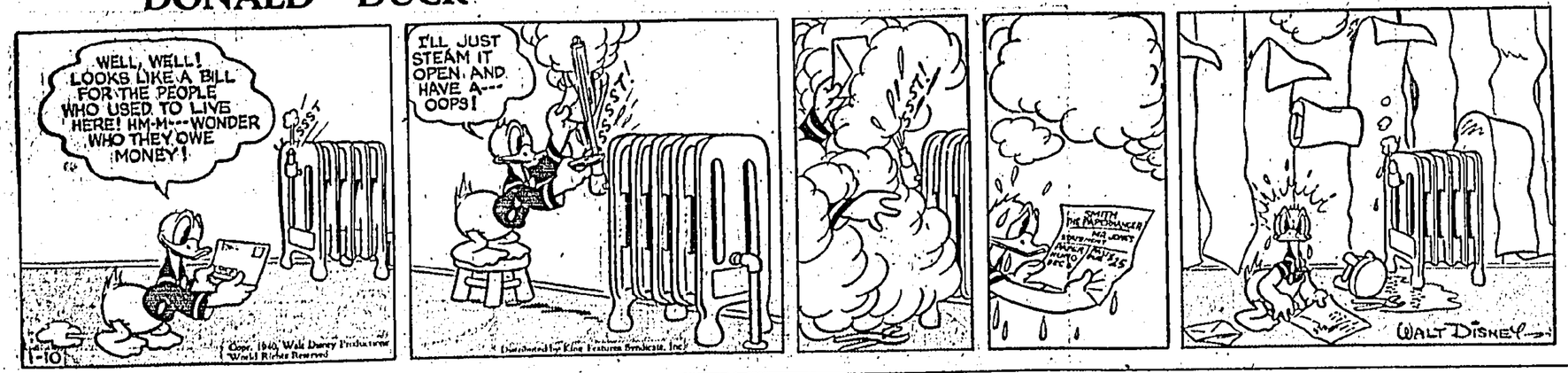
The order will be issued to-day empowering the Minister of Supply to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry to give preference to the production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments or for other approved purpose despite obligations to which they may be subject under contracts for which no directions have been issued, for example, orders for home trade.

JEWS SENT TO POLAND

BERLIN, Feb. 14. (UP).—It is understood from a reliable source that all Jews in Stettin, numbering between 600 and 900, were rounded up early this morning and transported by railway to an unknown destination, believed to be in a district in Poland.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Compositions of Richard Strauss.

7.20 Violin Solos by Emil Telmanyi.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

7.50 Studio—Short talk on the forthcoming Hongkong Dog Show.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert & Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Al Bollington at the Organ.

8.35 Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Iraq."

9.05 Sea Shanties.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 "Old and New"—A Potpourri of Popular Melodies arranged by Herman Finck.

Herman Finck and His Orchestra.

9.45 Favourite Ballads.

10.04 Eric Coates—Springtime Suite.

Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.

10.17 Mendelssohn—Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1.

Stradivarius String Quartet.

10.42 Leopold Stokowski and the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

"Carmen"—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet)—Entr'acte, Act 4; "Samson and Delilah"—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens); "Damnation of Faust"—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Hungarian Dance No. 1.

11.0 Close down.

TRIBUTE TO TWEEDSMUIR

Ottawa, Feb. 14.

Long lines of women and children stretched across the snowcovered slopes of Parliament Hill to-day waited patiently despite the cold to file past Lord Tweedsmuir's coffin.

The crowd was so great that the Senate Chamber, where the body has been lying in State since its arrival from Montreal, was left open throughout the evening and by midnight 14,000 people had filed past.—*Reuter.*

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FIFTY OF 99 DEAD IN THETIS WORE DAVIS ESCAPE APPARATUS

Wrecked Twice—Saved By Breeches Buoy

—*Inquiry Disclsures*

WHEN the inquiry into the loss of the submarine Thetis in Liverpool Bay last June was resumed in London it was disclosed that 50 of the 99 dead wore the Davis escape apparatus when the bodies were recovered.

Photograph taken inside the submarine after she had been raised were examined by the Tribunal, of which Mr. Justice Bucknill is president.

Sir Donald Somervell, K.C., the Attorney-General (for the Admiralty), said the condition of the escape chamber when the vessel was found was that one of the doors—he thought the after door—was open and one of the main valves into the escape chamber was also open.

"The effect of that was that, as the vessel was foundering, water could enter from the sea," he added.

Chief Petty-Officer Rowkins said that both doors of the escape chamber were open, as the bodies were taken out that way.

Mr. Justice Bucknill: Has any leak been detected in the plates of this compartment—otherwise it must have got in through the escape chamber?

Sir Donald Somervell: I think it is clear from the evidence that when the vessel was found there was access from the sea into the submarine and into any compartments which had not got their bulkheads shut.

Why Stern Sank

Mr. Justice Bucknill: That might explain why her stern sank so suddenly.

Sir Donald: It might.

Rowkins, questioned by Mr. Reginald Paget (one of the counsel for the relatives of William Henry Smith, an apprentice who lost his life), said that out of the 99 bodies recovered, 50 were wearing the Davis escape apparatus.

Mr. Paget: What I was going to suggest happened was that as soon as it became clear that there would not be time to evacuate the men in rotation owing to their becoming exhausted, it might have been decided to use all the engine room as a large escape chamber so that by flooding the whole compartment the men in that compartment would be able to file out?

Rowkins replied that if they were going to do that and the valves had been opened for them to do it, all the men would have been wearing the escape appartus. When the hatch of the after escape chamber was opened in his presence in dry dock at Holyhead it opened properly.

Panic Theory

Mr. Justice Bucknill asked Rowkins if he could throw any light on why the after escape hatch was not used after Mr. Shaw and Leading Stoker Arnold had escaped.

Rowkins replied that sometimes during the flooding of the escape chamber a man felt he could not stand the pressure. "A man panics, and somebody then may have opened the door on the forward side to allow him to get out," he added. "The man on the after side would only know that the man was panicking."

After Rowkins had advanced in technical language a second theory the judge said: "You mean they did not turn some handle sufficiently to enable men inside to open the hatch—and I believe that theory is borne out by the position of that turning handle as subsequently found—so that men had gone into the chamber, tried to open the hatch, found they could not open it, and then opened the forward door, thereby letting the water pour into the submarine? Is that right?"

Rowkins: Yes.

Engine Room Escape Bid?

The Judge: Finding they could not open the hatch of the chamber they decided to use the engine room itself as an escape chamber, and escape through the hatch, through which the bodies were subsequently brought; and to try to do that they tried to flood the engine room by opening this door and the sea valve. It is suggested to me that the exhaust in the engine room was also found open.

Commander R. M. Edwards, R.N., Submarine Assistant to the Director of Naval Equipment, said that in his opinion the bow cap on No. 5 tube was not open when the vessel left Liverpool.

Asked how he thought it came to be open later, Commander Edwards replied:

"In my view, in the ten minutes prior to the accident, after power had been put off, someone inadvertently moved the bow-cap operating lever towards the open position and perhaps realising that he had moved it, but not realising what he had done by moving it, he moved it back again to a similar position of the other lovers on the panel. It might be some man who had no technical knowledge as to the functions of these levers."

Enamelled Test Cock

Commander Edwards was also questioned about his earlier evidence that the aperture of the test cock in No. 5 tube door had been found to be enamelled over with bituminastic enamel.

He agreed that the Thetis had passed the Admiralty overseers before she went out for her test.

Mr. G. H. R. Streatfeild (for the Wailes Dove Bitumastic Company, Ltd.): Had any anybody cause to inspect it on behalf of the Admiralty?—It should have been inspected subsequent to being painted.

WAR OFFICE SOLVES ADMIRALTY POSERS

From GUY RAMSEY

THE Intelligence Department of the War Office has an Intelligence Department of its own.

In the basement of the great building opposite the Horse Guards in Whitehall five men are kept busy all day, digging information out of 150,000 books, pamphlets, tables compiled for 50 countries in as many languages.

The department is actually the War Office library, but not only the War Office consults it. The Air Ministry sends across often, and even the Admiralty demands information.

The library increases at the rate of 200 books a month. The oldest volume is one by Peter Whitehorne, printed in 1753. "For Soldiours in the Battleray and the Conduct of Battayles."

Armada Report

There are reports about the Armada attempt to invade Britain and the preparations in Britain to meet it.

A sum of twelvepence was allocated to "Soldiours to have them the more willinge, to make the more haste."

One ship of the British Fleet was named the Narque Buggans! Another was called—as one, differently spelled, is to this day—Dreadnaughte.

General Wolfe's hand-written orders, referring to the various regiments each by the name of its colonel, are still to be seen.

Most of the military records have been sent to the Record Office in Chancery Lane, and no military order may be seen until it is at least 50 years old.

"Not Too Easy"

Mr. Wilfred Yorke Baldry, the librarian, has been in the library for 35 years. He said to me:

"We have to know roughly the contents of every book. As there are just on 10,000 books on the last war alone, it is not too easy a job."

Although the work has increased a hundredfold since the war it is impossible to increase the staff.

"No one is any use until he has been here for a couple of years." I was told.

Hitler Plans 5,000,000 Army By The Spring

AMSTERDAM.

GERMANY expects to have 5,000,000 trained and partially-trained men under arms by the spring, it is learned from a reliable neutral authority in Berlin to-day.

This force represents an army of some 240 divisions under the present system of organisation and is to be backed, it is understood, by a further 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 men called up as soon as training camps, instructors and weapons are available.

Neutral observers in Berlin believe it will not be possible to equip the second batch of men, who will be for the most part getting on for middle age.

Doubling His Army

They have reason to believe, however, that most of the light and medium weapons and tanks for the 240 divisions referred to will be available as soon as the troops have been trained.

About 50 divisions, however, will be needed to watch Germany's frontiers and keep order in the provinces which she has conquered. Poland alone will take about 40 divisions for this purpose.

When the 240 divisions are complete the German army will have been almost doubled, for Hitler entered the war about 2,000,000 men.

Neutral observers have little doubt that he intends to attempt a huge offensive on land in the spring.

During the last war, Germany mobilised in all more than 13,000,000 men.

War Prisoner Camps

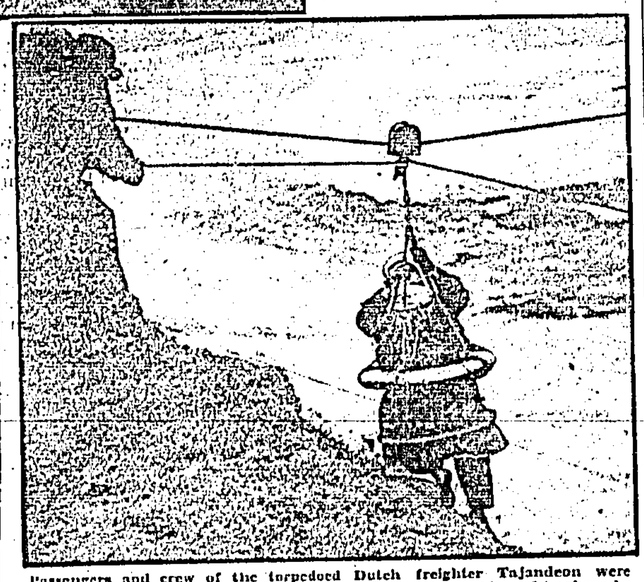
Allegations that ardent Nazis in war prisoner camps in Britain are forming groups under a Gauleiter, and are bullying less enthusiastic fellow-Germans, are being officially investigated.

This is part of the War Office inquiry into war prisoner camps generally, an inquiry that was set up because of successive escapes by Germans from the camps.

Asama Maru Coming

The N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru from which the 21 Germans now interned in Hongkong were removed after she was stopped by a British cruiser off the coast of Japan, is coming to Hongkong.

The liner's commander at the time of the incident, Captain Watanabe, has been replaced by Capt. T. Fujita. She has been held over in Japan for 15 days. She will sail the same day as she arrives for Manila.



Passengers and crew of the torpedoed Dutch freighter Tajandeon were rescued for the second time in a few hours when they were brought ashore by breeches buoy from the Belgian ship Louis Shied, which went aground on the South Coast yesterday. They had been picked up by the Louis Shied after their ship had sunk during the previous night. These pictures show (top) the Belgian ship aground with the rescue apparatus rigged, and (above) a Dutch officer helped on to the cliff top

Speeding Up Letters To War Prisoners

COMPLAINTS have been made that British airmen who are prisoners of war in Germany have been receiving letters written to them from home.

Responsible departments have been approached, and the delivery of letters is to be speeded up.

Sergeant George Springett, R.A.F., a prisoner, stated he had received only one letter in 59 days.

Had Written Each Week

Yet his friend, Miss Audrey Constable, of Sawtry, Hunts, had written once every week since Sergeant Springett was captured.

She asked why her letters have been delayed.

Investigations were made and an official of the Red Cross War-Time Organisation for Prisoners told the News Chronicle that Miss Constable's complaint was justified.

This resulted in representations to ensure speeding-up.

Sergeant Springett and his colleagues will be glad of that.

Here are extracts from Sergeant Springett's letter to Miss Constable:

"I received your letter dated the 12th, on November 25, and that is all I have received since I have been in Germany.

"Beg, Borrow Or Steal"

"I am allowed to write three letters and three postcards a month, but I can receive as many as I like.

"Thank Miss Berridge for me for the parcel she is sending me, and ask her to put in plenty of cigarettes and chocolate, because when I was taken I had no money, and as I haven't heard from home yet I have had to get all my cigarettes, by the beg, borrow or steal method. That method is about played out now."

Sergeant Spring then referred to lack of letters and parcels from home. "If it wasn't for the officers we should be sunk completely," he says, with reference to lack of gifts from England.

"The French receive parcels and letters from home every day. We get two exciting moments each day when the mail comes in, but as there is never anything for me I just go on hoping for the next mail."

Vatican's Secret Book

ROME.—Vatican relations with the outside world from December 1, 1938, to December 15, 1939, are recorded in a Yellow Book, which has been issued secretly by the Vatican this week.

Even diplomatic missions accredited to the Vatican have not received the Yellow Book, which is said to be a lengthy document in which various phases of relations between the Reich and the Holy See are vividly portrayed by means of official documents.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1890.

Lady des Voeux will be at home on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., from 4 to 6 o'clock.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1915.

It appears that Count Bernstorff, in the course of his interview with Mr. Bryan, intimated that Germany would partly rescind her "war zone decree" if Mr. Bryan insisted upon the Wilhelmina's cargo of foodstuffs being delivered at Hamburg. Failing this, he threatened "further frightfulness" and the direction of such "frightfulness" is indicated by a Copenhagen despatch to the effect that Germany contemplates a gigantic broadcasting of floating mines.

The American Ambassador at Berlin, interviewed by the "National Zeitung" dwelt upon the insanity of a German-American war, which, he said, would be fatal to Germany economically, in view of the German millions invested in American undertakings. But the Ambassador added, the language of the German press increased the difficulty of solving a difficult problem and the possibility of serious conflict would instantly arise if an American ship were sunk.

In contemplating the wonderful loyalty which has been shown by the Oversea Dominions in the present great crisis, the part which Australia has played stands forth with much prominence. She has, to the deep satisfaction of her people, been associated with magnificent work at sea, but above all else the manner in which she has come forward with soldiers to swell our Expeditionary Force on the Continent fills all Britishers with intense admiration. She has already provided a contingent of 20,000 men has now offered another batch of 10,000 and will train an additional 4,000 men every month as reinforcements.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1930.

The opening of the investigation of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives into the question of Prohibition, was marked by warm applause when the chairman, a well-known "Wet", declared that Prohibition had been tested for ten years with no satisfactory results.

The prophets have all been confounded by the appointment of Sir William Peel as Governor of Hongkong in succession to Sir Cecil Clementi.

The actual appointment, however, goes to an officer who has had a long and distinguished career in Malaya, where he has spent the whole of his colonial service extending over a period of 32 years. At the moment, Sir William Peel is Home on leave, and it is therefore not possible to say when he will come to Hongkong, but we can bespeak for him in advance a very cordial welcome when he lands to assume the Governorship.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1935.

Baron von Neurath this afternoon handed the British and French Ambassadors the German answer to the Franco-British proposals for a Europe air accord. The German note was semi-officially described as friendly and favourable towards the principle of general discussion along the lines suggested.

The note stated that Germany was willing to negotiate; indeed, was willing to place her air force at the proposed Pact's disposal. This offer, it is explained in reliable sources, was made since the London Agreement assumed the existence of such a force. The note expressed the German Government's willingness for negotiation of an arms convention, at least in principle, and welcomed the offer to abolish Part V of the Versailles Treaty, which would remove the stigma of inferiority so keenly felt in Germany.

Interviewed in the prison cell, Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to die by electrocution for the murder of the Lindbergh baby in less than a month's time, declared to-day that he was ready "to die like a man."

S.M.R. OPENS HERE

A cocktail party was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday by the South Manchuria Railway Company, Limited, to mark the opening of the Company's offices in Hongkong, at 1A, Chater Road. About 300 guests were presented. They were received by Mr. Akira Watanabe.

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The Anzacs

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of Australian and New Zealand troops —the sons of the famous "Diggers" of the Great War—have arrived in Egypt.

After the Canadians, the Anzacs. Britain welcomes them all, cordially and proudly.

More praise is due, too, to the Navy for convoying them around the globe without mishap.

Citizens of the British Commonwealth in both hemispheres rejoice at the free, prompt and unanimous decision of the British Dominions to join in the struggle against Hitler. Nothing has surprised foreign countries more sharply, and nothing has angered Hitler more deeply.

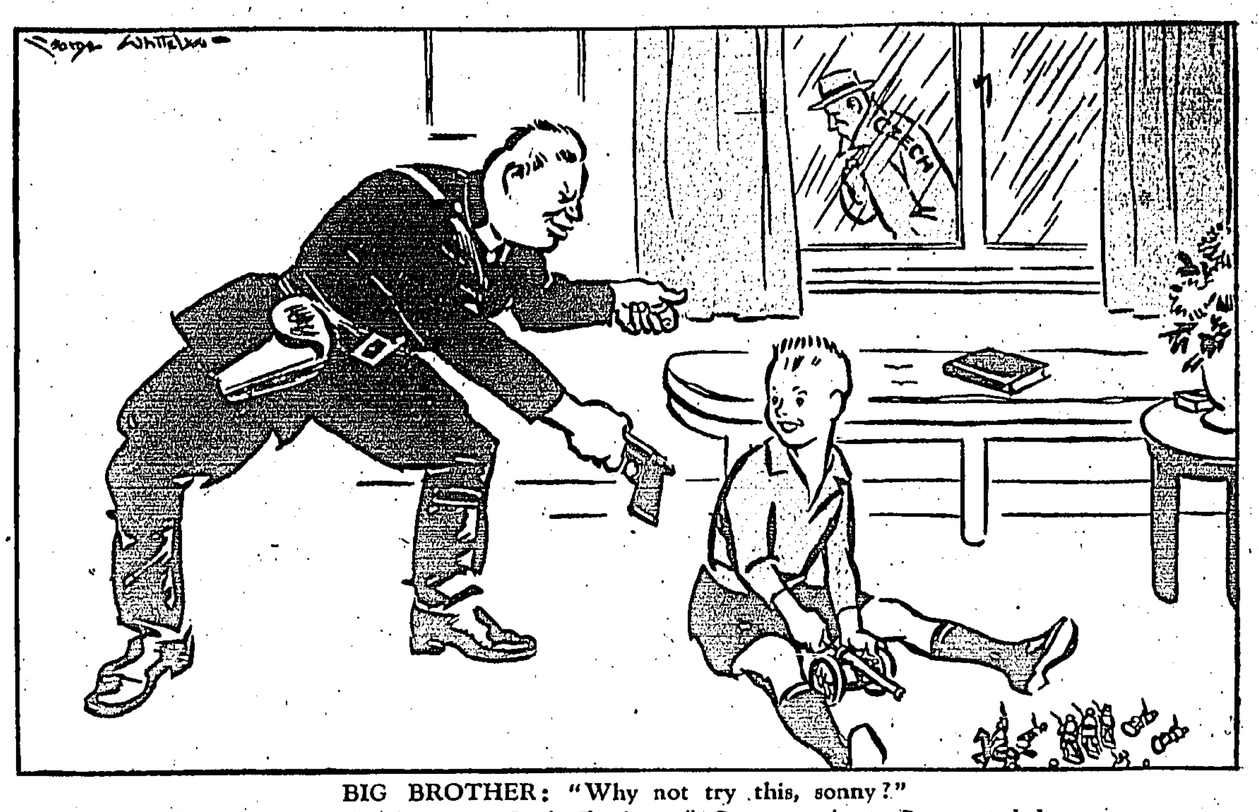
The British Commonwealth has its merits and its faults. In wartime, we see it at its best—a free association of democratic peoples who spontaneously unite together to resist the threat of barbarism. Democratic sentiment, despite Mr. H. G. Wells' article in the adjoining columns, is the soul of the British Commonwealth. A beloved King is its font. And, thanks to the Navy, it has teeth as well.

Few people realise the extent by which the free Dominions can aid the Motherland in this fight against Hitlerism. In this war they are mobilised to a much fuller extent than in the last and, what is more, they have attained power in many ways—in increased populations, in increased productivity, in increased wealth. In all of Europe there are only eight countries who can boast more people than either Canada or Australia. There are larger populations in both Dominions than in Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Scotland or Slovakia. Even plucky little Finland, which fights the entire might of Red Russia, has but half the population of either Canada or Australia.

In the last war, Australia mobilised 412,953 men, sent 357,781 overseas. The A.I.F. lost 58,132 dead and had a total casualty list of 214,360, higher in proportion than the casualty lists of either Britain, France or Germany.

And, what is more, the Dominions equipped and maintained their own forces in 1914-18. The million men they sent to Europe aided materially in the Allied victory.

Hitler faces more than England and France. He faces an Empire upon which the sun never sets.



BIG BROTHER: "Why not try this, sonny?"

Since the recent disturbances in Czecho-Slovakia, all German males in Prague, including members of the Hitler Youth Movement, have been served out with arms.

H. G. Wells and the fate of Homo Sapiens*

"I HAVE been asked to set down as simply and clearly as I can, in one compact book, the reality of the human situation.

"That is to say, I have been asked to state the world as I see it and what is happening to it. This is the result."

In these words Mr. H. G. Wells launches a book which in 330 pages ranges over the whole world scene and depicts in neat pen portraits all the big men of the day and the problems they are trying to solve.

It sets down Wells' own private solution to their problems—the education of mankind till it is fit for a democracy in which there is real equality, economic justice, universal education, and full knowledge for all those who desire to know.

He calls his book, "The Fate of Homo Sapiens," and it is published by Secker and Warburg at 7s. 6d. Here are some of the things he has to say:—

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

THIS is undignified writing. This is in the worst possible taste. Yet I cannot explain the twists and turns of Mr. Neville Chamberlain unless I use the terms I do.

How can I adorn him with splendid prose? I cannot see him as anything but essentially ignorant, narrow-minded, subconsciously timid, cunning and inordinately vain.

Most of the acts of Mr. Chamberlain since September, 1938, have been as irresponsible as those of any Dictator, equally unscrupulous and far more shameful. He has indeed made himself a Dictator by tact and betrayal instead of by violent seizure.

HITLER

IT is plain that the Fuehrer is insane; he shows all the symptoms of a recognised form of sex mania, the jealous fear and hate of the great raping black man—who in his case becomes the Jew.

Since in his case the obsession endangers the lives of people about him, he should be certified and put under restraint.

But insanity has its advantages as well as its handicaps. It involves an abnormal concentration of purpose and nervous energy.

MUSSOLINI

COMPARED with Hitler he is sane, intelligent and human.

He is vain, rhetorical and immensely energetic, with the energy not of morbid concentration but physical abundance.

He is what many men would like to be.

Where Hitler is an unqualified horror, Mussolini often is, as schoolboys say, a bit of an ass—which is much more endearing.

Until we remember the castor oil campaign, and the poison bombs in Abyssinia and the Lipari Islands, he is a lark. But then the lark stops singing.

STALIN

STALIN I liked when I talked to him. I did not think he had an overwhelming intelligence, but I thought he was honest and strong and human.

I have been disillusioned about him mainly by those foolish films of personal propaganda he has allowed to be made, "Lenin on October," for example.

JEWS

WHY should any country want these inassimilable aliens bent on preserving their distinctness?

Until they are prepared to assimilate and abandon the Chosen People idea altogether, their troubles are bound to intensify.

ROYALTY

THE monarch professes to act only on the advice of his or her Ministers, but as a matter of fact the Court is a centre of social and administrative influence of an entirely undemocratic sort.

A crown is a symbol of graded privilege.

In the place of Heil Hitler or the Fascist salute, these royalist peoples, at the sound of their particular National Anthem, stand stiffly to attention with an air of ineffable reverence.

It is a quite parallel act of worship, and as complete a repudiation of the personal responsibility of democracy.

RUSSIA

WHEN everything that can be said has been said against it, Russia still seems to be ahead of the rest of the world in its progress towards the practical realisation of the complete democratic idea.

Whether it will go on and keep that lead is quite another matter.

The Bolsheviks, planless themselves, had to take over a land shattered, impoverished, chaotic, invaded from every direction, and make a working system of it, some sort of new order, however rough and clumsy, or perish.

And they have made a new order, rough and clumsy still perhaps in many aspects, but holding together, and not nearly so rough and clumsy as it might have been.

JAPAN

THE rulers of Japan to-day are Nazis without a Hitler, Fascists without a Mussolini.

In Japan are the same factors that existed in Russia in 1918, the factors of a crude and violent social revolt. There is no greater threat to a Government than the return of a defeated army.

It will go ill in such an event with nobles and dignitaries and priests, and it is quite among the possibilities of the next few years that the last divine heir of the Sun Goddess may share a parallel fate to that of the last Little Father of Russia.

Then, starting from an even lower level than Russia in 1918, Japan will have to reconstruct its social and economic life.

That may be one possibility, but history never repeats itself exactly, and revolutionary methods have changed very greatly in the last twenty years.

CHINA

THE chief forces operating to produce the China of to-morrow are Chinese Communism, or, to define it more clearly, para-Communism, and Chiang Kai-shek's New Life movement, which is plainly para-Fascism.

They may combine against the common enemy, but they have no real convergence. The end of the war with Japan will release, rather than conciliate, their oppositions.

China liberated will become more and more a battleground of world ideologies. She will waver between Soviet Russia and Fascism, between Christianity of the J. D. Rockefeller type, on the one hand, and a tentative Socialism after the fashion of the New Deal, rather to the left of the New Deal, on the other.

BRITAIN

SO far from exercising any further leadership in world affairs, Great Britain is much more likely to withdraw into itself.

THE FUTURE

THERE is no creed, no way of living left in the world at all, that really meets the needs of the time.

In spite of all my disposition to a brave-looking optimism, I perceive now that the universe is bored with man, is turning a hard face to him, and I see him being carried along the stream of fate to degradation, suffering and death.

That, compactly, is the human outlook, the only possible alternative to the wilful and strenuous adaptation by re-education of our species now—forthwith—that I am urging in this book.

Adapt or perish, that is and always has been the implacable law of life for all its children.

A salvaging of the species is still just possible. That is as much as the most hopeful mind can say.

★*Fine old Latin phrase, meaning you and me and the rest of us.*

To-day's Thought

THE future is purchased by the present.
—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THEY HAVE A RIVAL WHO IS 97,412 YEARS AHEAD

JAPAN celebrated the 2,600th anniversary of its foundation as an Empire this week.

It makes you think how comparatively young most of the great nations of the world are.

ENGLAND is 1,111 years old. It became a kingdom in 828 under King Egbert. Before then it had been seven kingdoms under seven warring Kings.

England and Scotland were united when James I. succeeded in 1603.

The Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which meant the end of the Scottish Parliament, did not come until 1707, and is therefore 233 years old.

FRANCE is 1,097 years old. It was not born until the year 843. Three sons of Charlemagne cut up his vast empire when he died because none of them was great enough to govern it. One of them received a large part of what eventually became France as his share.

GERMANY is only sixty-nine years old. It was proclaimed in the Gallery of Mirrors at Versailles in 1871 after the end of the Franco-Prussian war.

Before that Germany had been a mosaic of small States. In the time of Napoleon there were more than three hundred of them.

ITALY is only seventy-nine years old. It was founded in 1861 out of the separate States of foreign provinces of Piedmont, Sardinia, Lombardy, Tuscany, Modena, Parma, Ne Romanga and Sicily.

THE UNITED STATES, it is odd to recall, is older than many European States. Born in 1776 after the War of Independence, it is 164 years old.

POLAND, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA and several other States were only twenty-two years old. They were founded after the war in 1918.

SPAIN is 470 years old. A marriage made it into a kingdom. Ferdinand II. of Aragon married Isabella of Castile in 1469.

BELGIUM, it is seldom remembered, is only 109 years old. In 1830 it belonged to Holland, but in that year there was a national rising and Belgium became a separate kingdom under Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, Queen Victoria's uncle.

But easily the oldest of them all, at least according to her own claims, is China. According to legend the "Celestial Empire" is 100,000 years old.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

RUSSIANS CALLING UP MORE TROOPS

Filipino Aviator Missing

MANILA, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Bureau of Aeronautics has ordered a search for Cecil Reyes, Filipino aviator, who left Legaspi for Manila last Thursday and has not arrived or reported his whereabouts.

The Bureau has cancelled the search for L. L. Baker, owner of the American Far Eastern School of Aviation, who disappeared over Mindoro Island while searching for the Mexican Consul's yacht Elvira which was missing on the voyage from Hongkong but has since been located.

A message was received from Baker reporting that he had crashed at Mindoro but was not hurt.

WESTERN FRONT

Fire Exchanged Across Rhine

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Despite shelling, by artillery and trench mortars, Nazi raiders have again been driven back in disorder on the Western Front, it was revealed to-day.

Exchanges of fire between casemates on the Rhine have also been reported.

The bitter cold wave still grips the Western Front and the thermometer has dropped to four degrees above zero Fahrenheit—28 degrees of frost.

In the region east of the Moselle, the German High Command continues to attempt to raid French posts with the object of capturing prisoners.

The latest attempt has again been repulsed.

It was supported by carefully planned artillery although the raiders were few and numbered about 50.

At the same time trench mortars sent their heavy projectiles hurtling down on the post itself. But the French artillery had not been idle.

French gunners put down a heavy barrage of shells in front, and the curtain of fire, coupled with shots from the automatic arms of the garrison, drove the Nazi raiders back in disorder.

A communique issued to-day states that an enemy raid failed to the west of the Saar.

A German cargo was captured and taken into a French port.

MANY SHIPS TORPEDOED IN U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

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sults," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, when asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had taken adequate measures for the defence of trawlers and fishing boats.

Mr. Churchill added that he hoped that a very great measure of protection would be afforded to men in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but it now appeared that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist murder.

We Don't Murder Men

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Asked whether in view of "the murdering of unarmed seamen by German airmen" he would consider ceasing to send out ships to pick up German airmen when their planes were brought down at sea, Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons to-day, declared, amidst cheers, that the ordinary instincts of humanity which required the rescue from the sea of drowning men or castaways should be observed by His Majesty's ship in the course of their duties.

GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. LINERS

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picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves the big ones alone.

Bitter Comment

OSLO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany's ruthless war on neutral shipping continues to draw bitter comment from neutral newspapers.

The leading Norwegian newspaper, "Tidenstegn," makes a drastic suggestion that the powers in Oslo must stop trading with Germany unless the Reich guarantee the lives of Scandinavian seamen.

The latest German excuse that neutral ships may be sunk even when they are being taken compulsorily to an Allied contraband control harbour is rejected by this newspaper, which says that if Germany continues to adopt this attitude the neutrals will have to revise their attitude towards the Reich.

This German claim was repeated yesterday when it claimed that the sinking of the Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, was legal.

The Captain of this ship stresses the fact that the U-boat commander refused to examine his papers.

Hockey Interport

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display at left half. Mrs. Stone was a reliable full-back, and excelled in first-time tackling.

"Y" had the better of the exchanges, and were just unlucky to concede two short corners at the critical time.

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HOW the games went:

1ST ROUND.—H.K. Ladies bye, and "Y" Ladies beat Recreio Ladies 1-0 in the opening game. It was a keen game in which, territorially, the winners were far superior. After several dangerous raids in the first half, when Miss Z. Barros saved well from Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw, the last named found the net off a free hit from her sister, Miss M. McCaw.

"Y" Ladies improved in the second half, and might have scored several times, but for the good work of Mrs. M. Silva and Miss B. Remedios in the Recreio defence. Raids by the "Y" Ladies were continued until the final whistle without any further results. "Y" defence gave a very fine performance.

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C.B.A. bye, and C.B.S. defeat St. Andrew's 2-0.

The early play favoured the schoolgirls, and after two minutes Miss J. Moss followed up a beautiful centre from Miss E. Watson to flick in a nice goal. C.B.S. kept up the running, and Miss E. Watson cut into the circle to beat Miss J. Hall once more.

A fast pace was maintained throughout a keen second half, and though the Saints' forwards went very close to scoring, they found it extremely difficult to get past the school defence, in which Miss B. Goodwin did well at full-back.

Features of the C.B.S. team's display were faultless intercepting by the halves, Miss S. Rousseau and Miss P. Kirby.

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SECOND Round. Y. Ladies defeat H.K. Ladies 3-1, and C.B.A. defeat C.B.S. 2-0.

"Y" Ladies won their match by effective combination. Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw were quick on the ball, and always gained hearty support from their halves. Miss Gray defended well for H.K. Ladies, but she made one blunder in the first half, which resulted in Miss D. McCaw scoring.

After the interval, Miss M. Smalley equalised with a grand reverse stick shot, but the "Y" attack was again on the offensive, and further goals were added by Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

The H.K. forwards could not get together, and there was a conspicuous lack of dash.

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C.B.S. received an unexpected shock when they went down 2-0 to the C.B.A. Smart work by the C.B.A. halves led to Miss I. Woolley opening their account with a beautifully placed shot. A few minutes later Miss Squires cleverly dribbled the ball down the right flank, and scored a good goal.

In the second half the schoolgirls retaliated strongly, causing a certain amount of anxiety to the C.B.A. defence, but excellent spoiling work by Miss A. Smith, at half back, together with Mrs. White and Miss B. Parsons prevented any score.

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KNILL CUP FINAL. Argonauta beat C.B.A. by four short corners.

C.B.A. reached the final by defeating Recreio 1-0, and D.G.S. by one short corner.

Argonauta accounted for C.B.S. and "Y" Ladies by 1-0.

Early play in the first half was in favour of Argonauta, but Miss E. Woolley broke through to snatch a lucky goal. Argonauta tried hard to equalise, but failed to pierce the C.B.A. defence, where Miss P. Felshow and Mrs. Mackay were prominent.

On resumption, the Portuguese halves were definitely on top, and their forwards were quicker on the ball, and much smarter and more accurate with their passes. Miss Mathias, on the right wing, equalised in a splendid solo effort, and proved to be the outstanding forward throughout. Argonauta mainly owe this victory to the half-line, where Miss N. Silva and Miss R. Xavier not only held the opposition, but launched a sustained bombardment on the C.B.A. citadel, to force four short corners in succession.

This victory was most creditable in that it is the team's first appearance in the Knill Cup and the Brawn Cup League. They are also pretty certain of winning the latter.

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IT was a glorious afternoon, and the Seven-a-side tournament proved a great success. Tribute must be paid to Miss D. Moss, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.H.A. for the excellent work performed.

There was a representative gathering of Clubs, most of the playing members turning up in full force to back their respective teams. In the course of a short speech, Miss Moss thanked the Principal of the C.B.S. for the loan of the ground, and the Umpires for their services. Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Pearce, who presented the cups to the winning teams.

Huge Army Arriving To Start A Violent Drive

New York, Feb. 14.

A huge Soviet Army of trained troops is being transported north from the Ukraine, White Russia and Moscow towards the Finnish frontier, according to reports reaching diplomatic circles in Washington, says the *New York Times*. This mass movement, said to be the biggest since the outbreak of war, is thought to presage an extremely violent Soviet drive.

Stalin is believed to be anxious to liquidate the Finnish venture as speedily as possible in view of his growing anxiety over the massing of Allied forces in the Near East, so he can arrange for effective defence in such vulnerable positions as the Baku oilfields.

The paper also reports that the Soviet-controlled part of Poland has been drained of all available food and other supplies useful for the armed forces and that the inhabitants are suffering acute hardships.—*Reuter.*

Orders From Stalin

London, Feb. 14.

According to the Finnish wireless, Gen. Shaposhnikov, new commander of the Russian forces in Finland, was given orders to bring the Finnish war to a successful end, regardless of sacrifice, during a private interview with Stalin and Molotov in Moscow lest the prolongation of the war led to unwanted foreign political complications.—*Reuter.*

Red Division Rewarded

Moscow, Feb. 14.

In recognition of their gallantry in action and untiring fighting, the 123rd. Soviet Division has been awarded the Order of the Red Banner.—*United Press.*

Relentless Attacks

Helsingfors, Feb. 14.

Fierce attacks on the Karelian Isthmus continue to-day but the Russians are still concentrating the full force of their attack on Summa, where the situation is serious but not desperate and the Finnish troops are working miracles in resistance.

During the past 24 hours the Russians forced their way into the Finnish front line, but were driven back by hand-to-hand fighting.

The Russians are showering artillery shells on the Finnish positions at the rate of 3,000 an hour.—*Reuter.*

Soviet Claims

London, Feb. 14.

A communique claims continued successful operation by Soviet infantry units as well as air reconnaissance patrols yesterday. It is claimed that 23 more defence fortifications were taken in the Karelian Isthmus. —*United Press.*

Finns Stand Firm

Helsingfors, Feb. 14.

The Finns are still standing solid as a rock on the Mannerheim Line. The Russian losses during the fortnight on the Karelian offensive are now believed to amount to 40,000 men, and the Finns have destroyed 200 tanks in three days.

The small coastal town of Borga, where it is estimated 250 bombs were dropped in 15 minutes yesterday, is still burning.

Several hundred planes flew over the Summa sector, bombing and machine-gunning.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Planes Bomb Borga

Helsingfors, Feb. 14.

Thirty warplanes yesterday bombed Borga, a town of 6,000 inhabitants on the coast 30 miles east of Helsingfors. Some twenty fires were started by incendiary bombs. The number of casualties is unknown.

Large numbers of Red planes were reported over other parts of the coast yesterday.—*Reuter.*

Raid On Porvoo

With the Finnish Army, Feb. 14.

Seven Russian planes, 15 of which were bombers, flew over Porvoo, 50 kilometres east of Helsingfors, from the north at 2.30 p.m. to-day, laying a rain of fire.

"When I reached Porvoo at 9 p.m.," says a correspondent, "28 houses in the main street were either destroyed or gradually being consumed. The flames lit the sky for miles. A huge pillar of pinkish smoke blew across the countryside. Some were killed and wounded for Porvoo was twice bombed before everyone had safely reached the shelters."—*United Press.*

Warfare Rules Broken

Helsingfors, Feb. 14.

Charges that Russia has gravely broken the fundamental rules of warfare are made in a Note which the Government has sent to all foreign Powers.

The Note urges that hostilities should be confined to military forces and military objectives alone. It gives many examples calculated to show the barbaric nature of the Soviet warfare, including the use of gas and explosive bullets, misuse of the white flag, bombing of churches, hospitals and scientific institutions, use of prisoners and civilians as shields for infantry, attacks on persons in distress at sea, attacks on ships of other nations and bombardment of unprotected towns and villages.

The Government adds that in spite of everything it is still actuated by a desire for peace.—*Reuter.*

LETTERS

War Pictures

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir, — In the correspondence columns of your esteemed paper and also in the columns of your morning contemporary, I recently saw considerable discussion as to why so few, if any, British news films were shown in local theaters—the implication being that it was due to American monopoly.

More recently, I saw what I thought was an excellent reproduction of a photograph showing three planes serenely pursuing their course although the air was filled with puffs from anti-aircraft shells.

A couple of days later, someone exposed the photograph as one taken of a demonstration made in 1938 for none other than Adolph himself to show the invincibility of his aircraft, and it was necessary, for you to publish a statement that it was accepted in good faith from the Domei Agency.

On February 12, we were treated to "Official Air Ministry" photographs. According to your captions these did not come from official British sources, through British censorship, via British mail planes, to a British Colony, for publication in British newspapers; but through the same Domei agency.

Is it not possible that these depict the canals on Mars?

Can it be that Hongkong must depend on photographs distributed by a Japanese agency.

YANK.

(Owing to the difficulty of obtaining an adequate supply of British war photographs from official sources, the "Telegraph" has no hesitation in using those supplied by the Domei News Agency which, in the case of the official Air Ministry photographs published last week, were air-mailed from London to Hongkong.-Ed.)

ROOSEVELT GOES FOR A CRUISE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt left to-day by train for the south. It is understood that he will embark on the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Pensacola, Florida, for a short cruise.

The Tuscaloosa brought members of the crew of the scuttled German ship Columbus to New York recently.

White House officials offered no explanation for the unusual secrecy of the trip but it is thought that President Roosevelt might extend the cruise to the region where the neutrality patrol vessels are keeping a watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

ADVANCE POSTS IN RED HANDS

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written reply to a question on this subject, that a general licence had been granted to British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and that a licence would be granted to a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

Capt. Peake added that H. M. Government had carefully considered this matter in the light of the resolution passed by the Assembly of the League of Nations on December 14 on the subject of provision of assistance to Finland.

It would be in their view inconsistent with the spirit of that resolution that British subjects who wished to volunteer for service in Finland should be hindered by provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, seeing that that Act contains power to grant dispensations.

French Officer Decorated

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A French liaison officer has been given the Croix de Guerre for his action with a British patrol in No-Man's-Land.

He attached himself to the patrol when a British officer was killed while trying to silence German machine-guns. He took command of the party and brought them back safely to the British lines.

Neutrals Should Have A Voice

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A hint that neutral nations must be asked to attend the peace conference at the end of the war was given by M. Hambro, President of the Norwegian Storting to-day. He said one of the biggest failures of the Treaty of Versailles was that the victors and vanquished met to arrange Europe's future without consulting neutral countries.

"When peace is made in future it is imperative that this shall not be repeated," he said. "The British Dominions have always stood close to the small countries and they share this view as do other nations who feel themselves attached to the great Powers."

Funeral Well Attended

The funeral of the late Mr. P. M. Hodgson took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Father Riganti officiating.

Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. G. A. Pentreath and Mr. T. O. Tso walked immediately behind the cortege, while others present included.

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. Justice Fraser, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. Justice Lindsell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr.; Messrs. D. V. Steavenson, H. C. Randall, J. D. Humphreys, J. B. Prentis, G. G. N. Tinson, G. B. Wilson, A. H. Seth, F. G. Nigel, F. E. Nash, E. Davidson, C. B. Brown, B. Wylie, F. P. Franklin, D. E. Clarke, E. Potter, J. T. Prior, J. H. Taggart, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, D. J. N. Anderson, M. H. Turner, F. X. d'Almada, C. d'Almada, R. A. Wadeson, F. H. Loseby, A. el Arculli, J. M. d'Almada Remedios, H. G. Sheldon, T. H. G. Brayfield, D. Hancock, D. H. Blake, D. L. Strellet, B. D. Evans, M. W. Lo, S. M. Churn, J. T. Bagram, H. J. Armstrong, G. G. Wood, R. Edwards, T. E. Pearce, S. Berg, E. M. Raymond, M. A. da Silva, D. McCallum, A. R. Alves, R. Pestonji, V. Benjamin, Alfred Y. Hon, S. A. Sleap, P. Sin.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

The market was a shade quieter this morning but prices are being well maintained.

Buyers.
H.K. Bank $1400 C.D.
Canton Ins. $212½
Fires Ins. $180
Wharves $101½
Providents $4.60
Hotels $5.65
Lands $30¼
Realties $4½
Tramways $18.30
Star Ferries $68
Yaumati Ferries $24¾
China Lights (old) $7.90
China Lights (new) $4.85
Electrics $57¼
Macao Electrics $20
Sandakan Lights $11½
Telephones (old) $25.90
Telephones (new) $9½
Cements $19.15
Dairy Farms (old) $22
Dairy Farms (new) $21.10
Watsons $9.40
Entertainments $7

Sellers.
Docks $22½
Watsons $9.60

Sales.
Union Ins. $470
Wharves $102
Docks $22.35
Lands $30¼/30½
Tramways $18.45
Star Ferries $68½
China Lights (old) $8/7.95
China Lights (new) $4.95
Watsons $9.60

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Antamok	.17	b
Baguio Gold	.23½	s
Batong Buhay	013	s
Big Wedge	.20½	s
Coco Grove	.14½	s
Con. Mines	0035	s
Demonstration	.13	s
East Mindanao	.10	b
I.X.L.	.38	b
Ipo Gold	.11½	s
Itogon Mining	.27½	b
Mambulao Con.	014	s
Masbate Con.	.10½	b
Mind. Motherlode	.09¾	s
Mine Operation	.10½	s
North Camarines	.10	b
Paracale Gumaus	22½	s
San Mauricio	.82	b
Surigao Con.	.18	s
Suyoc Con.	.12½	s
Syndicate Inv.	024	s
United Paracale	.30½	s
Benguet Con.	5.55	b

N. Y. SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The first blizzard of winter has swept the city. At least fifty are injured. For a few hours traffic was almost paralysed. It was the worst storm since 1938.

Pedestrians were forced to cling to lamp-posts and ropes strung across the streets to prevent their being blown over.

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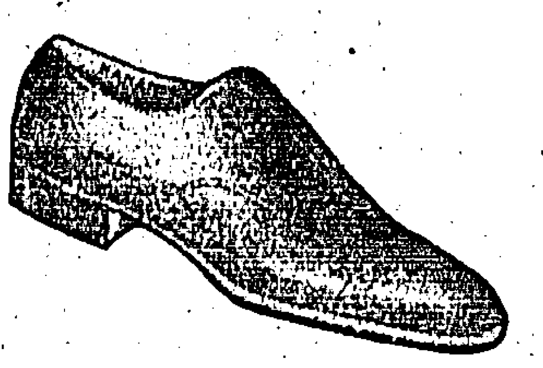

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Dutch Loan Bill Authorised

THE HAGUE, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Second Chamber of Parliament has passed a bill authorising the issue shortly of a semi-compulsory loan of 300,000,000 guilders.

Communists voted against the bill.

British Subjects May Enlist

London, Feb. 14.

The Under Secretary for Home Affairs (Mr. Peake) announced in the Commons to-day that a general licence would be granted British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces.—*United Press.*

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

HOCKEY INTERPORT CONFIRMED

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knotty Soccer Problem

Sir,—In order to settle an argument could you confirm that with respect to the incident in the South China A.A. vs Saigon match on last Sunday, which resulted in the S.C.A.A. being awarded a free kick at a position nearer to Saigon's goal than the penalty kick mark, should Lee Wai-tong plant himself before the ball, that is in front of Ip Pak-wah, to receive the pass from the latter to convert, would he be penalised for being offside, for he had at that moment only the goal-keeper between him and the goal-line? And that it would have been perfectly right for the Saigon players to "pack" their goal-mouth to prevent a goal from being scored if they elected to, but they did not, which was certainly not the fault of the referee.

A Soccer Enthusiast.

The Rules of Football state that the off-side rule applies to times when a free kick or a penalty kick is being taken.

It was, incidentally, Lai Shiu-wing who took the free kick. As I interpret the Rules, Lee Wai-fong must have been off-side under the conditions stated in the letter. Had the Saigon team packed the goalmouth, as they had every right to do, there would have been no question of off-side, for there would then have been more than one opponent in between Lee and the goal.

It is, however, a difficult problem, and the Hongkong Referees Association or the H.K.F.A. might be able to give a clearer interpretation of the Rules.—Sports Ed.

SPORT ADVTS.

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On **Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February,** the first bell will be rung at **11.30 a.m.**, and the first race will be run at **12.00 NOON.** On **Saturday, 24th February,** the first bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.** and the first race will be run at **2.00 p.m.**

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COLONY TO PLAY MACAO ON EASTER SUNDAY

Kumaon Rifles Beat Portuguese Visitors

THE INTERPORT WITH MACAO has been confirmed, and will take place in Hongkong on Easter Sunday, March 24. Those who witnessed Macao in action during the Chinese New Year holidays will probably have seen the last of their two brilliant wingers, F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, who are due to leave the Portuguese Colony in the early part of March to further their aeronautic studies in the United States.

The team will be considerably weakened by their absence, and I doubt whether suitable wingers can be recruited from the junior XI. However, our local selectors would do well not to underestimate the strength of our neighbours, who, without fail, always give of their best in interport games.

It is about time the Colony interport team was nominated, or if there are to be trials, they should be commenced immediately. This would give players a fair chance of getting acquainted with each other's play, as is the case with our interport, it is teamwork that counts.

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THOUGH Macao defeated Recreio 2-0 last Thursday, the following morning on the Club ground the visitors lost 1-0 to the Kumaon Rifles. This was one of the most thrilling games that have been seen at King's Park this season, and a draw would have been a more fitting result.

One dramatic, if fortunate goal, marked the first half, and this proved to be the only goal scored. Forcing their first short corner, after ten minutes of fast exchanges, Kumaon Rifles took the lead through Capt. Loch from the resultant hit. Almada, though unsighted, was beaten by a good shot.

In this half, R. Angelo came very near to equalising, when he broke through on his own, but failed at the critical moment. However, the visitors were giving nothing away, and their forwards kept on pressure until the interval arrived. Hira Singh making some brilliant clearances.

The second half was always interesting, but neither side could get the better of two good defences. On two occasions Macao were prevented from scoring—the first when L. Costa was sandwiched in the circle, and the second when A. Alrosa was obstructed in attempting a short corner hit. A penalty bully should have been awarded in both cases, but the Kumaons were fortunate in not being penalised at all.

However, the superiority of the Kumaons' attack was much more pronounced. Narnin Singh and Sher Singh were the outstanding forwards, with Capt. Loch doing much as he pleased in a quiet way on the extreme right. Hansa Datt, though playing strenuously at centre-half, but not very scientifically, was the best of the intermediates, and Nawal Singh and Kusain Singh, the backs, were thoroughly reliable defenders.

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THE Macao players were probably feeling the effects of their previous game, and the forwards, somehow, could not bring their usual combination into play. In defence they were well supported by J. Nolasco, A. Alrosa and R. Rosario.

Though I would give the edge to Kumaons for team work, in fairness to our visitors, the umpiring could have been better.

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IN the final of the Seven-a-side Tournament organised by the H.K.L.H.A. held at the Central British School last Saturday, C.B.A. defeated "Y" Ladies by two short corners, with no goals being scored by either side. The C.B.A. defence which carried them through, played magnificently.

Though "Y" Ladies did most of the attacking in the first half their forwards were outplayed by the brilliant work of Miss A. Smith, at centre-half, and Mrs. M. White, at left back. The former tackled strongly and played a fine distributive game, whilst the latter sighted the ball with remarkable quickness, and her first-time clearances were grandly accomplished.

Miss P. Everest, too, in the latter half came in for a good amount of praise. The forwards, led by Miss I. Woolley, combined well, and although no goals were scored, often threatened the "Y" Ladies' defence. They secured three short corners in succession, and in the nick of time, to win a well earned victory.

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"Y" Ladies were unfortunate in not scoring on at least two occasions. In the first half when Miss D. McCaw broke through on her own, but failed to convert, and in the second half when Mrs. Gardner did likewise. The trio, however, including Miss B. Harker, on the right wing, accomplished good work.

"Y" Ladies' real strength lay in the half-backs, where Mrs. Starbuck barred the way down the middle. Miss M. McCaw also gave a pleasing

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Hockey Council Meeting

A Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this evening at 6 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

K.O.Y.L.I. Cup Polo

ROYAL SCOTS TO MEET H.K.S.R.A. IN FINAL MATCH

THE ROYAL SCOTS and the H.K.S.R.A. entered the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup competition yesterday when in the semi-finals played at Boundary Street they beat the H.K.S.R.A. (A) by 3-2 and the Middlesex by 8-3 respectively.

There was a large crowd of spectators present, including His Excellency the Governor and Brigadier Reeve. The final will probably be played to-morrow at 4 p.m.

HALF MILLION DERBY SWEEP TICKETS SOLD

THE HONGKONG DERBY SWEEPSTAKE this year is going to bring a windfall for some body. The sale of tickets yesterday brought the total to just over half a million.

First prize at the moment will be well over $200,000, but at the present rate of sales there is every possibility that this sum will eventually be above $300,000.

Football

Regional Cup Competition In Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Scottish Football League have decided to conduct a Cup Competition among the 31 Clubs which at present constitute the Regional Leagues commencing on February 24 and ending on May 4.

Matches will be played on the home and away basis, and the winners of each tie will be the scorers of the most goals in these two matches.

Cowdenbeath F.C. have closed down for the duration of the war, and have withdrawn from the Scottish Eastern Section.

Southern Challenge Cup

London, Feb. 14.

Twenty football clubs competing in South A and South B have unanimously decided to promote a Southern Challenge Cup knockout tournament. The Football Association has been asked to extend the season to enable the tournament to be run from May 11 to June 8.—*Reuter.*

Fulham Defeat Brentford

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Fulham defeated Brentford to-day by 5-2 in the South "B" Section of the English Football Leagues.

Early in the first chukker of the Scots-H.K.S.R.A. (A) game, both sides were awarded 60 yard penalties, but neither benefitted from them. The Scots, however, scored first when Lt. Col. McDougall broke away and scored.

The Gunners pressed in the second chukker, but following another penalty against them, Lt. Col. McDougall scored again. Capt. Atkinson (R.A.), having failed in a previous break away on his own, finally reduced the R. Scots' lead.

The Gunners equalised in the third chukker, following sustained pressure on the Scots' goal. The Scots, however, nearly took the lead again when Capt. Burn took the ball the length of the field, and only failed when his shot glanced off his pony's hoof.

The fourth chukker was scoreless, but in the fifth and final chukker McDougall collected a long clearance from Burn, and went through to score the deciding goal.

The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Yeatman, Capt. Atkinson, Capt. Colson and Capt. Duncan.

R. Scots.—Lt. Col. McDougall, Lt. Fargus, Capt. Burn and Major Godley.

Gunners Superior

The H.K.S.R.A. opened their account against the Middlesex almost from the start. From a throw-in, Lt. Smith connected and scored. Capt. Wilson nearly increased the lead when he got through on his own, but his parting shot struck the upright.

Middlesex equalised, against the run of play, in the second chukker. Lt. Chattey raced away and sent the ball strongly between the posts. Just before the end, the same player missed a 60 yard penalty.

The Gunners flashed into true form in the third chukker and piled up six goals without reply. Capt. Wilson converted a 40 yard penalty, and almost immediately after Smith placed them three goals ahead. Smith scored again, and then Wilson contributed two more, the first being a very fine backhand shot from an acute angle.—Just before the bell, Smith, too, scored his third goal.

Lt. Chattey was much to the fore for Middlesex in the fourth chukker, and was rewarded with two goals, but Smith added yet another goal for the Gunners before the end.

The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Smith, Capt. Wilson, Major Penfold and Lt. Marshall.

Middlesex.—Lt. Fishbourne, Capt. Chattey, Lt. T. W. Chattey and Lt. Hancock.

COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

A CAVALCADE will be held for members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, commencing from the clubhouse. The route will include the ground covered in last Saturday's paper hunt.

Riders who are not members of the Cottage Club are invited to participate, but are requested to send their mounts to the Club by the appointed time.

Sappers Beat Gunners At Cricket

Fine bowling by Denyer and Shipp, who took five for eight and four for 25 respectively, gave Royal Engineers an easy victory of 131 to 65 runs over a Royal Artillery eleven from Lyemun in a friendly cricket match on the Army ground at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

Except for Lts. Ingram and Plummer and Gnr. Barsby, who reached double figures, the rest of the Gunners fared badly, and the side were all out for 65.

The Sappers opened confidently despite the early loss of Hawkins, who was run out for a "duck", and won with many wickets to spare.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February.

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

A fine action picture of the R. Engineers-R. Scots match in the Army Rugby League at Sookumpoo on Tuesday. The players (l. to r.) are Cpl. Marshall (R. Scots), L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.), Lt. Ridsdale (R.S. with the ball) and Spr. Artingstall (R.E.) Ridsdale was brought down soon after this picture was taken. The R. Engineers won 6-0.

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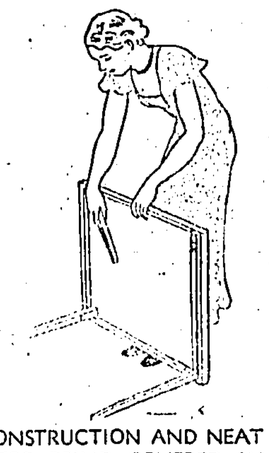

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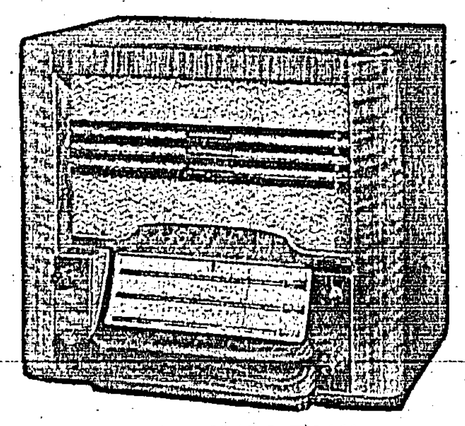

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German Arms King, Exiled By Hitler, Reveals Tragic Secret of His Life

FRITZ THYSSEN GAVE GOLD TO FUEHRER TO AVENGE DEATH OF PRINCESS KILLED BY REDS

LOCARNO.

WHEN FRITZ THYSSEN, "the man who made Hitler," fled to Switzerland he left behind in Germany his coal-mines, his armaments factories, and his millions.

He also left behind a passion which changed the history of the world—his revenge.

Thyssen had made Hitler, and he had made himself Hitler's master.

He had seen in Hitler the neurotic, penniless agitator, a man who could put Germany on her feet—and a man who could put Germany on her feet would put Thyssen on his feet.

A strong Germany would need armaments. A united, powerful and threatening Germany would light up Thyssen's blast furnaces, buy Thyssen's coal, set his factories working day and night to pour out arms—and money into Thyssen's pockets.

It is doubtful whether Hitler himself has ever guessed the real reason why Thyssen was eager to dominate Germany.

Naturally, he was astute enough to see that Thyssen, as head of the German Armaments Trust, lived and worked for the day when Germany would be a great military machine, with himself at the throttle, and Hitler obeying him.

And the reason why Thyssen fled from Germany is just as clear. He saw Hitler leading the country into a war that would certainly be disastrous for Germany and for Thyssen himself.

Why Do You Hate Russia?

But there was more than that in it. Love of money and power alone is not enough to fill all a man's thoughts and aspirations, to keep him on one ambitious road for twenty years.

What set Thyssen on that road? Why did he want to make himself master of Germany? The answer is—a woman. Or rather, the memory of a woman who has long been dead.

To-day Thyssen, a grey-haired man of sixty-five, sits alone behind the high walls of his brother's villa here in Locarno.

It was not many years ago when he sat laughing and talking with Hitler one summer afternoon at the Dictator's retreat at Berchtesgaden.

It was one of those rare occasions when Hitler relaxes. They talked about the past, about women . . . Thyssen fell strangely silent.

Suddenly the conversation changed. Back again, as it invariably must with Hitler, to high politics. Russia was mentioned, and Thyssen became eloquent again.

Always he had been the mainspring of the German hatred of Russia. Always he had poured out his money to finance the anti-Bolshevik campaigns, the ceaseless stream of anti-Red propaganda which Nazi Germany was producing.

"Why," asked Hitler slowly, "why do you hate Russia so much?"

Thyssen leaned back. There was a long silence, and then he answered:

"I will tell you. It's the first time I have mentioned her since. . . ."

And this is the story that Thyssen told him, the story of a personal tragedy which led one man to dominate one nation and threaten the safety of another with all the might at Germany's command. It is a love story.

When Thyssen was a young man, rich, charming, and talented, his father's Rhineland castle was often the gathering place of members of the Kaiser's Court. Not only German aristocrats, but also their Russian friends, noblemen and noblewomen of the Tsarist regime, came there.

It was at a hunting party given by his father in the woods surrounding the beautiful Landberg Schloss that Fritz Thyssen, then thirty years old, caught his first glimpse of the lovely Princess Nadya, daughter of one of Russia's wealthiest and most influential Grand Dukes.

She was only sixteen years old, but had already a woman's beauty, her great, dark brown eyes throwing her bright, fair hair into piquant contrast.

Thyssen, then as now, looked like a man without a heart. That is still his reputation among his business associates. Perhaps that is why they have never guessed his secret. He fell in love with the Princess Nadya that day in the Landsberg woods.

He and the Princess met often after that, and as she grew into womanhood an understanding developed between them. THEY KNEW THAT THEY LOVED EACH OTHER.

FRITZ THYSSEN

When the first Great War broke out it seemed that they would be separated for ever. Germany and Russia were enemies, and Thyssen's factories were turning out the guns and munitions with which the German and Austrian armies strove to blast their way through Poland.

Then came the revolution and the flight of the Russian aristocrats.

'Go To Paris' He Implored Her

Princess Nadya's father was killed, and soldiers and peasants, crazed by vodka, danced the mad dance of red revolution in the burning ruins of her home.

Thyssen strove frantically to get in touch with her, but failed. Months passed without news, and then his spies brought word that she was dead.

It was not true. But it was then that Thyssen began to hate Russia. He swore he would be revenged.

One day near the end of 1918, when the Great War was over, he received a small, unstamped envelope from an agent in Stockholm. When he saw that it was addressed in the Princess's handwriting his heart leaped.

"I am in Finland," she wrote.

Finland until the revolution had been part of Russia, and then had become a separate Republic.

It was from a Finnish village that the Princess Nadya wrote to Thyssen, telling him of her adventures. Thyssen, who had believed that she was dead, tried to go to her, but was prevented by the war that the White Russians were waging against the Bolsheviks.

HE POURED HIS MONEY INTO THAT WAR.

He sent letters to the Princess. "Go to Paris," he wrote.

She stayed in Finland. In the neighbouring Republic of Estonia which, like Finland, had once been part of the Tsar's Empire, lived a noble family with whom her father's family at one time had been closely connected. They invited the Princess to visit them.

She was their guest for several weeks, and nearly every day she sent a letter to Thyssen telling him that she was alive and happy. Then the letters ceased.

Letter after letter from Thyssen went unanswered. At last Thyssen made up his mind to find out for himself the reason for this strange silence.

He went by sea from Danzig to Tallinn, in Estonia, and searched until he found the small, unpretentious home of the Princess's fellow exiles. Tearfully they told him the sad story.

One afternoon, they said, the Princess and her maid went for a walk in the woods near Tallinn. In the evening the maid returned alone, and in tears. The only word that her lips would speak was "Ochrana . . . Ochrana."

It was the word that all Russian emigres dreaded. The Ochrana was the dreaded secret police of the Soviet Government. Later the maid was able to tell what had happened that afternoon.

When she and her mistress came to the crossing of two paths in the woods three men stepped out of the undergrowth and stopped them. The maid screamed, but was silenced by a gesture from the Princess.

"What do you want?" said Nadya quietly.

"You, I think," said the leader of the men. He put out his hand, threw back her cloak, and snatched from her breast the jewelled crucifix that she wore on a gold chain. "Yes," he said, "You are the one I want."

"Very well," she said, and to her maid she added, "You may go home." The maid hesitated. "Clear off," said the leader of the Soviet troop. "We don't want you." She went.

That was the last news Thyssen ever had of the Princess Nadya, except, months later the three words, "She is dead." This time he had to believe them.

Thyssen finished his story. The glasses were empty on the table, and the sun was setting. The cool evening breeze was sweeping away the warmth of the afternoon.

"My hatred for those Soviet murderers will live forever," he told Hitler.

Now Thyssen sits alone in the garden of the Locarno villa.

News of the outside world only reminds him of the wreck of his hopes and ambitions and his present helplessness. And when he reads to-day of Russian guns and aeroplanes fighting in distant Finland, his mind goes back twenty years to that tragedy that was played to its end in those dark forests of the North.

Now it is possible that Fritz Thyssen, even if the Princess Nadya had never come into his life, might have conceived his gigantic plan for the domination of Germany by the armaments group that he controlled.

But seldom in history has there appeared a man who lusted for wealth and power for their own sake. There has had to be a driving force, and a spark to set it off, and nine times out of ten there has been a woman. The Princess Nadya was the woman in Thyssen's life.

His real aim for Germany, as the world's greatest military machine, was victory over all who had stood in his way. And enemy No. 1 was Russia, which had dealt him the most grievous blow he had ever suffered.

BELIEVING THAT HITLER MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID, THYSSEN PROMISED HITLER HIS WHOLE FORTUNE.

His Glee Was Short-Lived

Hitler, through Thyssen's scheming with von Papen and the old President, von Hindenburg, had been made Chancellor. Although he and the Nazi Party had dropped 2,000,000 votes at the last election, Hitler knew that all he wanted was a good, popular stunt to swing public opinion in his favour. He had already used anti-Semitism as an election cry; now he pointed to Bolshevism as the real enemy.

So was born the most colossal political fraud that has been perpetrated in our time—the Reichstag fire.

Thyssen warmed his hands at the Reichstag fire, and then rubbed them in glee.

He could not foresee the day when Hitler, in the attempt to save himself from disaster, would offer Russia his hand and seek Russia's help.

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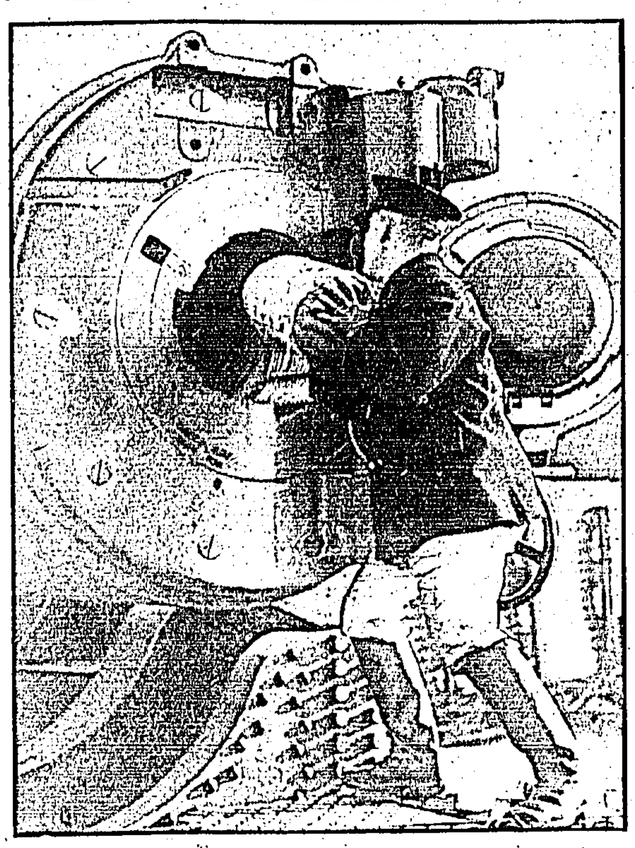

FEEDING A MODERN WAR GIANT.—A gunner attached to a Ministry of Supply experimental establishment in England placing part of a charge into the gaping breech of a great gun.

Chinese Will Outstrip Japan As A Nation

WASHINGTON.—Dr. Hu Shih, Ambassador from China, is both a scholar and a diplomat.

At the American Historical Association meeting here, he stepped out of his diplomatic role to tell fellow scholars why he believes China will become a successful modern nation before Japan.

Westernisation of China, achieved by a slow, voluntary infusion of democratic ideas, the Ambassador held, is on a more permanent basis than Japan's apparent rapid transformation forced on the people by the warlords at the top.

"From the lipstick to the revolution, from the reform in footwear to the overthrow of the monarchy—all has been voluntary in China," said the Ambassador.

Japan Learns Warfare

Then with a generosity befitting a diplomat, he forecast that this same element of freedom "may some day break down the solid core of ancient habits in Japan as it has in China."

Only in the adoption of Western armaments and methods of warfare has Japan been outstandingly successful, the Ambassador declared. "Japan," he said, "has succeeded in gaining this coveted knowledge where all other non-European nations have failed."

Dr. James Phinney Baxter, President of Williams College, contended that the American Government is unwisely shaping its neutrality policy upon the basis of our popular "likes and upon our moral disapprobation."

Declaring President Wilson's diplomatic victories before the World War permitted European neutrals to "breathe a little easier," Dr. Baxter said the Neutrality Act and the imposition of combat zones had been "little short of disastrous" to neutral Old World nations.

"To many of us," he said, "it seemed unwise for a neutral government to extend its responsibility beyond the requirements of international law."

How About Asia?

In the event of recognition of a state of war in Eastern Asia, he asked, would the United States be as ready to abdicate its rights there as it has been in the European controversy?

A "false historical vision" was described by Prof. Oscar Jaszi, of Oberlin College, as one of the outstanding causes of the present world situation. Urging historians not to rely too much on diplomatic documents as source material for research, Professor Jaszi warned that "diplomatic documents are occasionally composed with the special intention of creating an alibi for blurring responsibilities in advance."

Professor Jaszi charged that a colossal "we-are-not-to-blame" literature already is being built up in the present crisis. "The whole spirit of Hitlerism," he said, "can be found in the German literature 20 years before the advent of the Fuhrer."

The impossibility of writing intelligible history purely on a national basis was brought to the attention of the historians by Prof. Walter L. Dorn, of Ohio State University, during a discussion of cultural patterns in modern European history.

Cultural Patterns

Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes of Columbia University described nationalism as the main thread in the cultural patterns of European states, but Professor Dietrich Gerhard of Washington University maintained it was not nationalism but foreign policy and war that were the chief elements in the integration of European states.

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ANTI-ROME MEASURE

Germans Order Closing Of Catholic Organisations

Vatican City, Feb. 14.

Details of further German measures against Roman Catholics in Germany are given by the Vatican City radio to-day.

It says that Catholic organisations including the Catholic Union of Civil Servants, Catholic University Organisation and Children of Mary have been dissolved and their property confiscated.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

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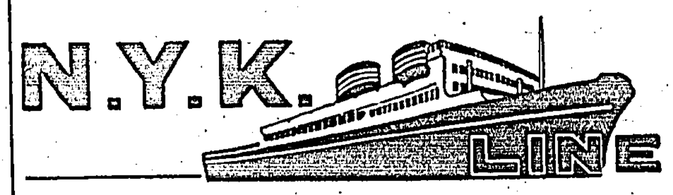

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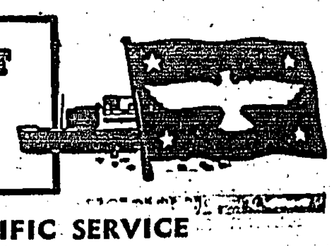

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FOUR-IN-ONE DRESS!

What is the best little dress you ever owned?

Mine is my simple—very simple—black day dress which lets me "play it up" with a gay chiffon scarf, or a large inexpensive, but costly-looking, brooch, or my special, rather barbarous necklace (made, I think, from gilded buttons), to say nothing of the conventional, but always right, string of pearls I affect.

The silhouette has been brought up to date with to-day's waistline and slight flare emphasised.

This is the simple dress which changes little from season to season —the "little dress" we all long for but so seldom find.

I'd like to call this a "Five in One" pattern but it's really a four-in-one dress with a choice of two necklines.

One, the heart-like neckline, is illustrated in the full-figure sketch. The other, the simple round or straight-across-the-throat line, is the grandest neckline for your string of beads or brooch or clip.

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As you see, the frock in the full-figure sketch is the ideal nine-to-six o'clock dress. Add to it the peplum, a sort of frill round the waist (sketch 2), which is simply attached to its belt and hooked on, and you've at once changed it to a slightly dressy afternoon frock.

Then we come to sketch 3. Here you have a plastron, an ornamental front, which entirely covers the heart-shaped or round neck (whichever you make), and gives you an accessory you can play with

In velvet, in colour contrast, on wool, you'd be using the last word in fabric partnerships.

It's the kind of accessory you like to add when you feel you can live up to it. You know what I mean—a special lunch party a matinee or an afternoon out.

We do want our after-six-o'clock dresses to have that little "something" which day wear lacks. So our designer has given us the bustle back in sketch 4.

In velvet on wool, it would be perfect. For me, I'll have satin-backed romaine, the dull romaine surface for the dress, and the satin side for the plastron and bustle-back accessories.

You can add a costume jewellery necklace and bracelets, if you like, or finish off the neck and sleeve ends quite simply.

This is an accessory dress with a difference—you yourself make your accessories.

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For size thirty-six bust, you can make the foundation frock (that is, the frock without accessories) from 3¾ yards of 36in. material or 2½ yards of 54in. material. Add half a yard of 36 and an eighth of a yard of 54, respectively, for the peplum. The plastron and bustle require 1½ yards of velvet in all.

So you can see how little your dress need cost.

Beauty Notes

IN these hard times, when nerves play such a part in our lives, health is of paramount importance. This wartime atmosphere does not tend to make nervous people less nervous. The best thing is just to feel resigned to the fact that we are in for a rather unpleasant time.

Very few women, however, realise that rest is the best treatment for nerves; it is also an aid to greater health and beauty. Rest, properly taken and in the proper amount, is an essential factor in physical and mental welfare. It is no good driving the body to exercises, when what the nerves and muscles and heart are really crying out for, is rest and an opportunity to recover from labour-induced fatigue.

In this matter as in every other, there is a wrong and a right way. True rest must be complete, but it must not be too prolonged. Complete rest can only be obtained in bed, and it is here, in a limited number of hours, that the sensible woman who is nerve-racked and over-worked should seek it. Let her go to bed early, and with open window, and complete darkness, sleep until Nature awakens her on the following morning.

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Hair round the face is something nobody can stand. The milliner itches to push back your curls, the coiffeur to cut them off, and in no time at all, you are pinning the sides back flat across your ears, without even thinking. The effect is neater, and a great improvement. The line is as if you were standing with your face to the wind. The whole face is exposed, the tip of the ear and along the side of the neck. The waves go softly back, seemingly of their own accord. They may be short at the back or not.

Many women leave a couple of inches which they comb, not in ringlets, but in loose, soft, unbrushed effect—perfect for out-of-doors, no frippery to come undone, no wisps to fall forward; perfect for the time being. And it is also perfect for the new hats, which are still quite high off the head. With a lot of hair flopping around your face, your whole head would seem to be falling down the front of your dress.

You can run your comb through such a coiffure lightly and leave it fluffy, or you can put in a few little curls yourself with a wet comb and a few pins.

Paris Correspondent

WAIST IT WELL

New Blouse & Jacket Fashions

By MARY GRACE

BLOUSE of striped taffeta ribbon on net foundation. Finished with neat stand-up collar and tailored bow.

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FOR special occasions—fuchsia velvet jacket has a flared basque and raised piping edging pretty gathers.

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BUTTONED waistcoat style in wine and gold wool with long fitting sleeves.

Raisin and Walnut Loaf

SULTANAS may be used instead of raisins in this recipe for fruit nut bread—a change for tea-time.

Ingredients: 2 cupfuls flour, 1 egg, 1 cupful milk, ¼ cupful sugar, 1 saltsp. mace, 2 teasp. baking powder, ½ teasp. salt, ¾ cupful shelled walnuts, ¼ cupful chopped raisins or sultanas.

Beat egg, add sugar and beat again. Sift baking powder, flour, mace and salt together. Add raisins and chopped walnuts.

Stir in flour mixture alternately with the milk, to the eggs and sugar. Turn gently into a well-buttered loaf tin, and stand in a warm place for 20 minutes to rise.

Bake in a moderate oven from 1 to 1¼ hours. When ready, cool on a cake rack. Spread slices lightly with butter.

Now a recipe for nutty flapjacks.

Cream 4oz. margarine with 1oz. sugar. Warm two teaspoonfuls of syrup and add to the mixture, then work in 1lb. rolled oats with half-teaspoonful salt. Spread in a shallow greased tin and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. When cold, cut into fingers.

Beauty Tips

Ever notice how much you use your shoulders? When you are cold, they shiver; when you are bored, you shrug them. The shoulders reveal emotion and they highlight character, so they deserve a check-up. If they are held too stiffly, they cramp useful muscles and cause fat pockets to from across the back. If they sag forward, they distort the lines of your frocks and rob you of poise. The proper way to hold your shoulders is the comfortable way. Allow your arms to swing freely from their sockets while you shift your position until you find the most comfortable way to hold them. Then practice keeping them that way! Look to the quality and texture of the skin on your shoulders and back, too.

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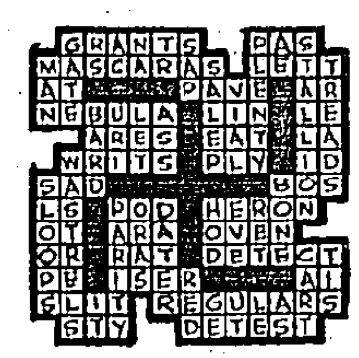
ACROSS

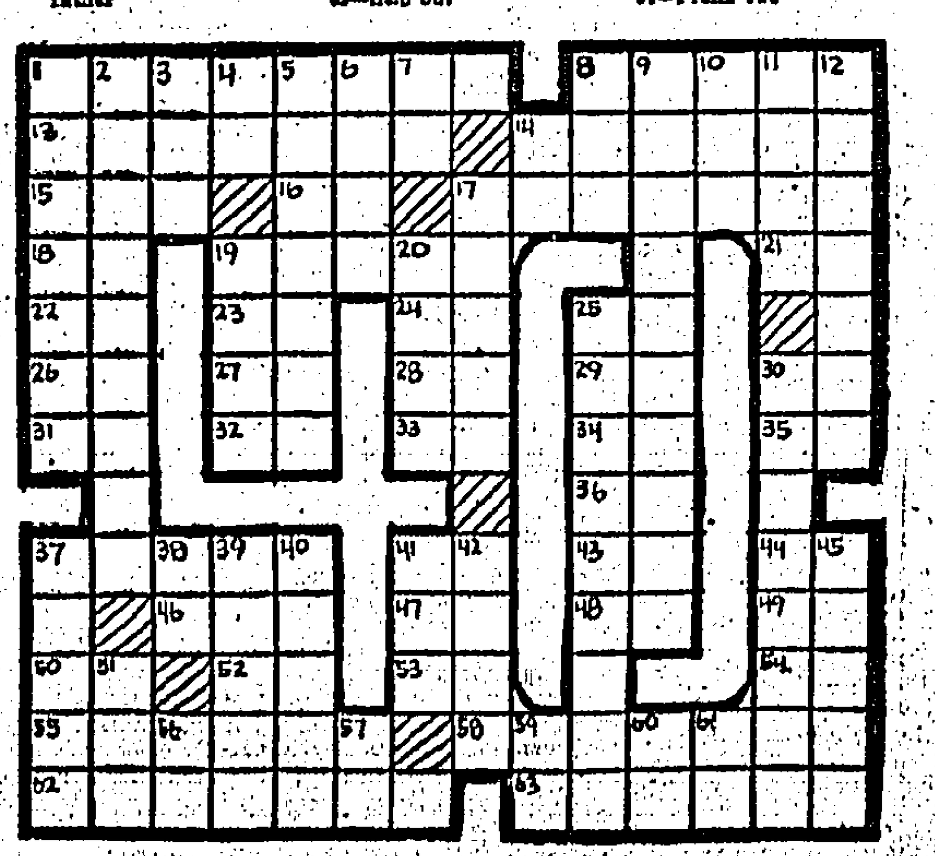
1—Thirteen and six
6—The number of robbers opposed by Ali Baba
13—Instruments of deletion
14—Deletion
15—Contorted
16—Roman coin
17—Long wooden seats
18—Second person
19—Visionary idea
21—Plural suffix
22—For the sake of example
23—New England state (abbr.)
24—Egyptian sun god
25—By reason of
26—Gold
27—Suffix pertaining to
28—Hesitating exclamation
29—Terbium
30—Royal Navy (abbr.)
31—Red letter (abbr.)
32—Bag (abbr.)
33—On point of
34—Radium
35—Egypt (abr.)
36—And (French)
37—Indulge in reverie
41—Man's nickname
43—Exclamation of admiration
44—Officer of the Day (abbr.)
46—Man's name
47—Baby word for father
48—Belonging to me
49—Definite article (abbr.)
50—Or (French)
52—Senior (abbr.)
53—Exist
54—Roman six
55—Impetuous attacks
58—Processions
62—New Year's Eve gatherings
63—Help out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Nineteen Forty
2—Departing from usual form
3—Negative vote
4—Prefix: out of
5—Ripping
6—Gaelic language
7—Objects shaped like "E"
8—Obesity
9—System of healing
10—Regret
11—Woody plant
12—Showing subservient approval to actions of superior (col.)
14—Concerning
17—Quick in thought
19—Colorless
20—Open space
23—Long, narrow pennants
26—Makes up one's mind
27—Bend downwards
28—Each (abbr.)
39—Item of property
40—Cuba's national hero
41—Girl's name
42—Instrument of illumination
45—Non-Christian believer in God
51—Personification of truth
56—Strontium (abbr.)
57—Prefix: apart
59—River to Livonia
60—Thus
61—Prefix two



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THE LION HAS WINGS—the Epic Film Story of the R.A.F.

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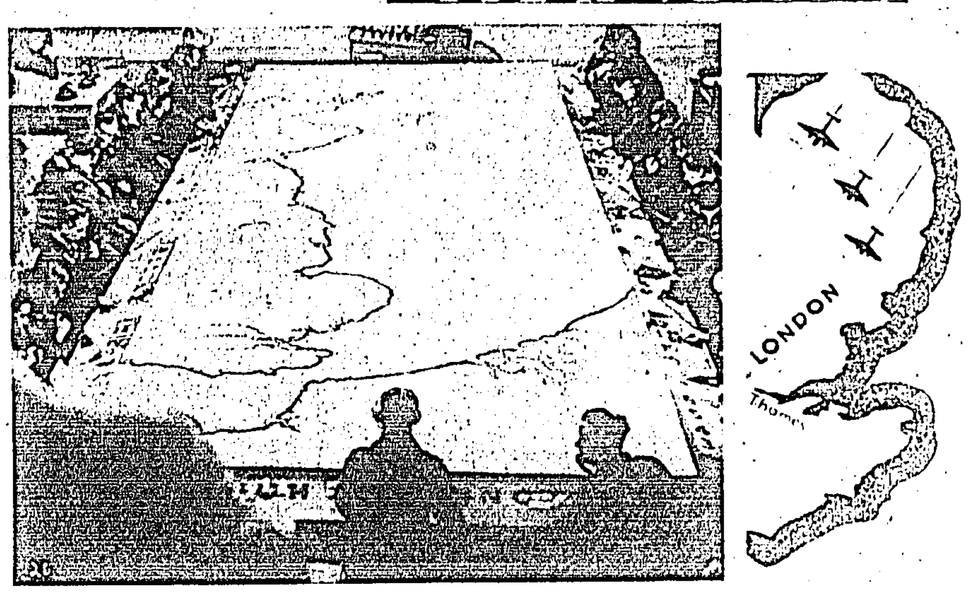

The Central Control Room of the R.A.F. Command, where orders are issued for our fighters to take off.

WITH a fierce roar the Spitfires swooped to the attack, even as the Nazi observer saw their approach and muttered fiercely to his pilot.

The Spitfires dispersed for the attack and suddenly the skies became alive with the noise of battle.

"Crack . . . crack . . . crack . . ." A rain of machine-gun bullets shrieked around the Nazi flotilla. A leaden hell snarled around the planes as, diving and swooping, Bobby and his team stabbed viciously at the invaders.

Like giant, graceful birds the Spitfires screamed through the air, never letting up on their relentless peppering.

The Nazi pilots' lips tightened. This was a warmer reception than they had expected.

With a groan, one of them let go his controls as a bullet bit viciously into his hand. He dragged his glove off with his teeth and glanced ruefully at his hand.

Hastily the navigator began to bind up his pilot's wound, yet they never relaxed their vigilance. They dare not. The Spitfires were rushing into the attack again.

With a miraculous burst of speed Dopey put his plane into a dive. Down it hurtled like an avenging thunderbolt. A rain of bullets found its mark and the Nazi pilot collapsed, choking, over his controls.

Unsteadily the bomber lurched and heeled over, as the navigator grasped the controls and sought to get the plane back to control.

Away swooped Dopey's plane, and into the breach flashed Bobby's ship. "Crack-crack-crack." With a groan the German navigator collapsed and the Nazi bomber fell through the air like a plummet, smoke spewing from its tail.

Flames bursting from the fuselage, the bomber fell into a sickening spin and crashed down, a ball of fiery wreckage. Bobby grinned and flashed his plane round to engage yet another of the attackers.

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AGILE as quicksilver the Spitfires danced round the Nazi bombers. Still that stream of accurate shooting continued.

Bullet-holes appeared on the Nazi Swastika that decorated the plane. Twenty, thirty bullets plunged into it. Suddenly, with a tremendous explosion, the engine burst. The plane's crew hadn't a chance, and one more Nazi bomber dropped, flaming, to the ground.

"Cornflower Red calling Station Control," rapped out Bobby. "Have brought down two bandits. Remainder proceeding East. May I continue action?"

"Cornflower Red" replied Richardson. "Good work, carry on!" He put down the microphone. "Two, not so dusty," he remarked.

Headed due east the Cornflower Red planes set off. They had driven back one attack, but there was still work to be done, harrying the Nazi bombers in their flight.

But another raid had yet to be met.

"B. Flight take off. Raid No. 2," ordered Richardson. The nervous tension of the waiting pilots was shed like an overcoat. They leaped into their waiting planes.

Moving steadily across the dark skies came a new flight of Nazi bombers, and in that instant the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights took up the hunt.

Restlessly the searchlights roved the skies, scouring the blackness for the prey. Into the beam of light flashed a Nazi plane.

"You've got him, Charlie," snapped one of the men on the searchlights. "'Old 'im, 'old 'im, Charlie," he beseeched.

The officer in charge of the A.-A. guns rapped out an order.

"No. 1 Gun—Fire!" The gun snarled and in rapid succession others boomed out. Striving desperately to escape from the relentless searchlight the Nazi bomber dived and twisted, while gunfire burst around his tail.

Again and again the A.-A. gun spoke and then the Nazi bomber burst into flame, lighting the skies around. Down, down, down . . . lurching and falling into a dive from which there would be no return.

The drone of B. Flight could be heard as it rushed towards the Nazis.

"Better warn the A.-A. people before our Fighters cop it from the guns," ordered the Group controller.

The order was flashed by telephone. "Cease fire! Cease fire!"

"They would," cursed an A.-A. gunner to his mate. "Yes," he replied, "the blinkin' R.A.F. swipes all the fun!"

Six Spitfire fighters cut across the sky. Inside a Nazi bomber the pilot saw three of the planes tearing towards him and his eyes narrowed uneasily. From the other side flashed two more Spitfires.

Like the crack of a whip the machine-guns spoke. A hurricane of bullets spat around the Nazi.

One flashed through the cockpit screen and struck the pilot. He clapped his hand to his wound and fell, fainting, from his controls. Out of control, his plane went dizzily into a death-spin, thick smoke belching from its tail. . . .

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RALPH RICHARDSON ran his hands wearily through his hair. "The worst part of our job is waiting," he remarked.

"Yes," replied his clerk. He looked at his watch. "A Flight should be back soon."

Down in the flying field the planes of A. Flight were descending. In the ghostly shrouded blackness of the aerodrome the men of the ground staff got busy.

Re-fuelling, re-stocking with ammunition, hasty repairing of minor damages. All was done with as much speed and efficiency as if it had been broad daylight.

High above one of the pilots of Flight B. was talking into his microphone.

"Cornflower Blue calling . . . Cornflower Blue calling. Two bandits down. Remaining two have entered clouds over sea and are heading east. Two of our aircraft forced to land. Should we proceed with action?" Over to you."

"They've been up half an hour. They must be getting short of petrol," said someone.

Richardson picked up his microphone. "Cornflower Blue. Cornflower Blue. Discontinue action and return."

As he replaced his mike he turned to find Bobby at his elbow. "Any luck?" he inquired.

"No more, sir. The guns ran out," replied Bobby.

"You did very well. Get your craft available and rest."

"They're working on them now, sir. We'll be ready in twenty minutes time." He paused, "You'll send up my flight again, sir?"

"I said rest!" snapped Richardson. Bobby seemed reluctant to leave. "Very well, sir," he said, with a reluctant grimace.

"Cheeky young devil," murmured Richardson as he strode out. But he said it with a half-grin.

Richardson turned to his work. The Nazis were on the run that night, but danger was not yet over, by any means. The station dare not relax.

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The phone operator at Southern Control raised his eyebrows. "Raid? Yes, sir. They're coming into the balloon barrage."

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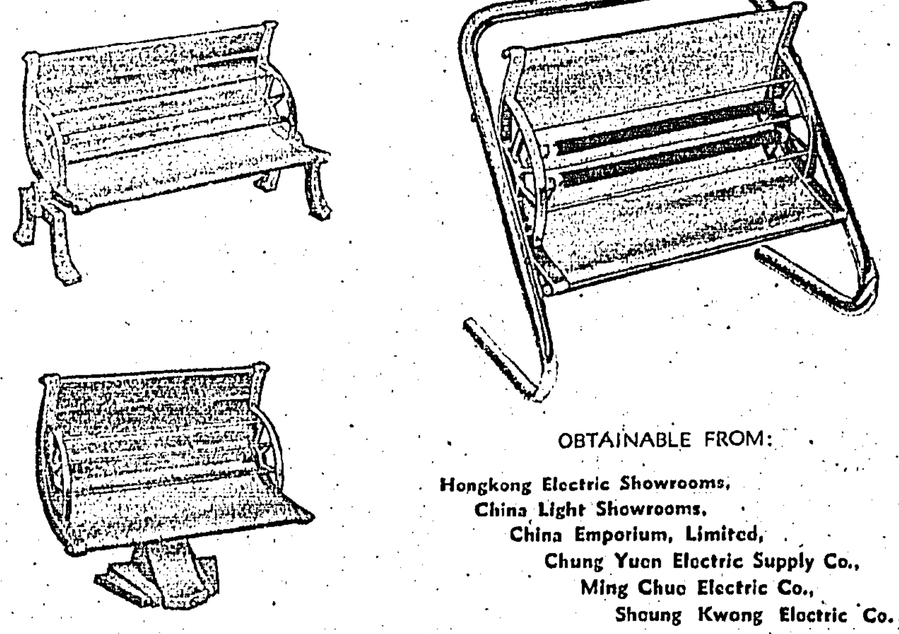

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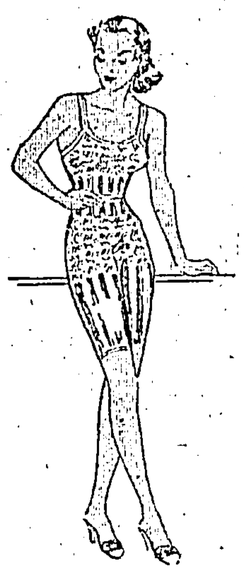

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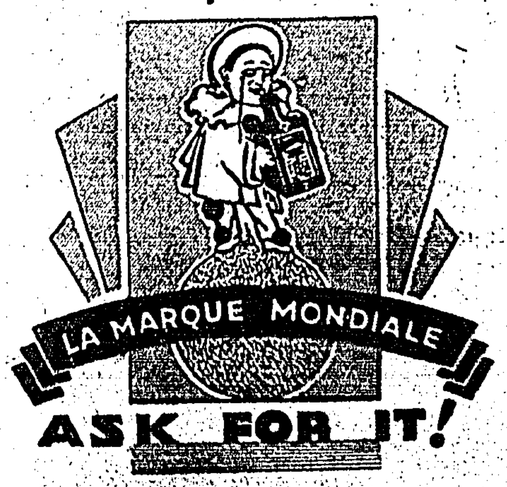

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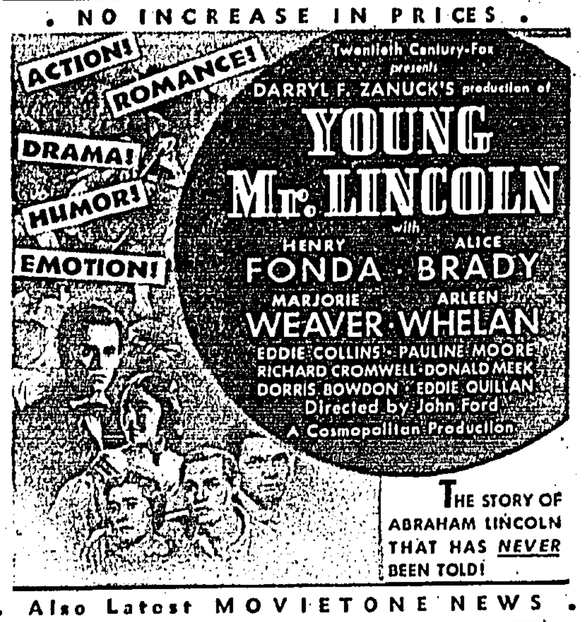

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Prince Bernhard having a sandwich lunch with his adjutant during a tour of inspection of Dutch Army manœuvres.

AMERICANS ON WEST FRONT

PARIS, (UP). — American youths will once again hear the shrill whine of German shells, although the United States today is no more a belligerent than she was in 1914.

The youths will be members of the American Field Service Corps, volunteer ambulance drivers similar to the ones who carried more than 500,000 wounded soldiers for the French army during the last war before America became a belligerent.

Ambassador William Bullitt has accepted the post of honorary president of the committee in America which is now being formed. The committee, with sub-centres in all large cities in the United States, has obtained a licence from the State Department and will begin to solicit funds soon.

Sign Contract

The State Department, committee heads said, has promised to extend all facilities in issuing passports to men recommended by the committee. Men will sign a six-month contract with the committee. They will not be attached officially to the French army but will be under orders given by Americans.

Ambulance sections sent to the front will be composed of 32 ambulances, of which two, including a staff car and truck with kitchen trailer, will be held in reserve. Thirty Americans will form the personnel of each section.

In army zones, the volunteers will be subject to control by the military authorities as are all civilians of French and foreign nationality. The first unit is not expected to go to the front for two or three months.

New Organisation

The American hospital at Neuilly previously had indicated it would form its own ambulance corps, but with the organization of the American field service, wounded will be transported to the hospital from the front by the new organization.

When the United States entered the last war, the field service had over 30 sections in operation. Fifteen truck sections for transporting munitions had been organized after America became a belligerent, and these, as well as the ambulance sections, were incorporated in the American Expeditionary Force.

There were 3,000 volunteers from all states of the union and from more than 100 universities and colleges. They served with 66 French divisions and carried more than 500,000 wounded and over 6,000,000 shells.

Centralise U.S. Aid

After the war, the field service continued to maintain contact with the trustees in America, who sent relief funds to France. They also contributed to the Franco-American museum at Belancourt, which was dedicated by an American delegation in September, 1938.

The service will probably now absorb and centralise all American medical units presently being organized, including the Iroquois Ambulance corps and the former American Legion corps.

Another American committee has been formed to collect books with which to form circulating libraries for the use of French soldiers at the front. Books have already been forwarded, especially to the Salvation Army's "Foyer du Soldat" at Nancy.

A "Committee of Young Americans of Southwest France and the Basque Coast" is also seeking funds with which to purchase four ambulances for the French army medical service.

Bachelor Peer Loses Leg

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Earl Peel, who is one of the wealthiest bachelor peers, recently had to have his right foot amputated as a result of an accident while he was shooting over a friend's Hampshire estate. He is reported to be making good progress.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

HE DROVE HIS OLD BUS

LONDON.—In civil life, Driver W. A. Wood, now serving in France with the R.A.S.C., drove a van for a Chippenham laundry.

When war broke out, he was mobilised as a member of the Supplementary Reserve.

Soon he was driving camouflaged lorries from a disembarkation port in France to the Army in the field.

In a letter home to his sister, he said there "seemed to be something very familiar" about one of the lorries.

There was—for when he examined it, he found it was one he had driven before. The Army had commandeered it from the laundry.

LATE NEWS

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NINE GERMANS TO LEAVE SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—British official circles announce that the handing over of nine Germans in retention at Hongkong to Japanese authorities would take place in the near future.

They confirm that negotiations are in progress between the Japanese and the British Governments regarding definite arrangements. The date and methods of handing over have been discussed between Mr. Tani, the Vice-Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo.

Allies Are Taking No Risks

Editor's Note: While the "West Front," that sector of the French-German frontier between the Moselle and Rhine, is most publicised because all of the activity has centred there since hostilities started, there are other frontiers where the Allied forces are holding strategic defence positions. In the following dispatch Ralph Heinzen, United Press correspondent, describes the military situation on the snowbound French-Swiss and French-Italian Alpine frontiers.

By RALPH HEINZEN
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, (UP-By Air Express). —From the southern extremity of the Maginot Line opposite the gap of Belford to the Mediterranean stretches the quiet, 300-mile long "white front."

In snows high in the Juras and the Alps where the frontiers are drawn across glaciers and inaccessible rocks, the French army is stretched along the borders of two neighbouring neutrals—Switzerland and Italy.

Snowbound Army

Snowbound at an altitude well over 6,000-feet this army has not fired a shot but its mission is vital because it protects France against a surprise thrust if Hitler ever attempts to turn one end of the Maginot Line by passing through a neutral corridor. French patrols on skis keep a border watch which in many respects resembles conditions in Finland where ski corps also are playing a major role. Like the Finns, these French troops wear white smocks which make them almost invisible in the snow.

These hundreds of thousands of French troops are snowed in for the winter and are cut off from bases in the lower valleys. Snow and ice which fill the Jura and Alpine passes, however, are no barrier to invasion.

Historical Precedents

There are historical precedents because Napoleon, in one of his first operations, took his whole army across the Alps and dragged his cannon through Saint Bernard Pass to fall on the unsuspecting Italians in the Lombardy and Piedmont plains. And centuries earlier, Hannibal and his Carthaginians—218 B.C.—crossed the Alps by the Mount Genevre Passes with elephant cavalry and battled the Romans in the lowland. Hannibal had half of his African soldiers frozen to death in the Alps but Napoleon proved that a modern army could cross those high mountains without enormous losses although called upon to support intense suffering.

Sportsman's Paradise

Even for those troops holding the "white front" it is no sinecure. Those Alpine slopes are normally a winter sportsman's paradise but night patrols in biting frost are a fierce test of human endurance.

The Alps are held from the French side by permanent fortresses of new concrete casements, and every position commanding the passes and valleys is held with automatic arms. The French general staff feels that no enemy invader could pass.

Three years ago work was begun in the blockhouses which, now combined with natural obstacles, appear to make this frontier impregnable. Every dominating position holds observation posts and secret air defences are elaborate.

Friendly Relations

The troops enjoy correct and friendly relations with the Swiss and Italian mountain battalions mounting guard on their sides of the frontier.

Strategically, the Jura mountain defences are even more important than those of the Alps. The Juras cover an area between the Alps and the Vosges and are directly north of Lake Geneva. They are lower and their rounded higher heights are not comparable to the jagged rocks of the Alps but the Juras are the "stopper for the Basle corridor bottleneck.

Long before the war when the Maginot Line war finished as far as southern Alsace, the French general staff began fortifying the torrents and towering gorges which comprise the Jura Chain. To-day those fortifications are completely invisible, camouflaged among the natural cover of pine forests or sunk into rocks.

For centuries the French-Swiss treaties had forbidden any fortification of their mutual boundaries but the Swiss finally realised that they, like Belgium in 1914, were too tempting in the corridor, so, with Swiss consent, the French began fortifying the Juras three years ago and the last concrete was poured only a few days before this winter's first snow fell.

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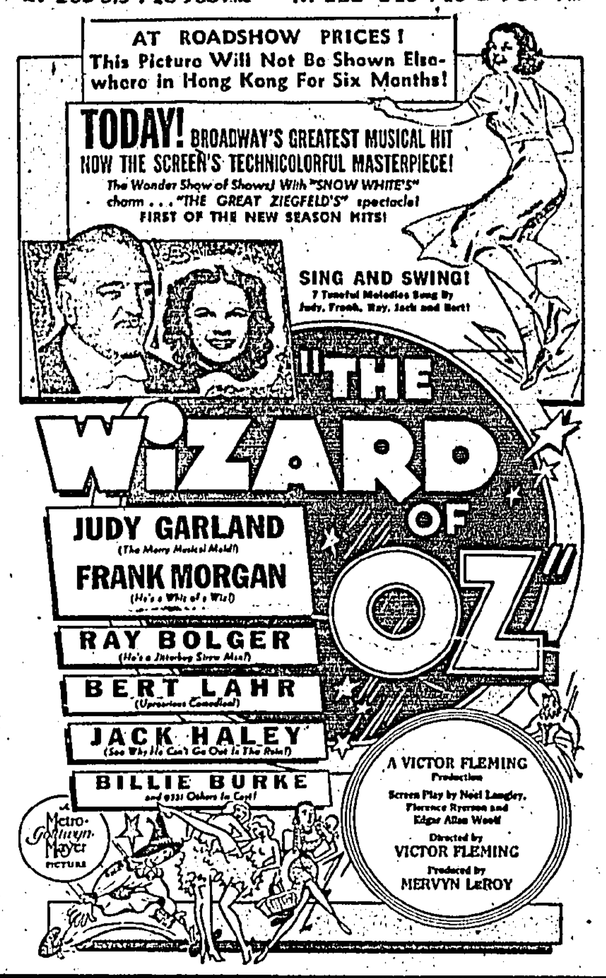

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GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. VESSELS

Dutch Liner First Victim Of Latest U-Boat Campaign

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BERLIN, FEB. 14 (UP).—HITLER'S ORDERS TO ADMIRAL RAEDER TO COMMENCE UNRESTRICTED WARFARE ON ALL NEUTRAL VESSELS SUBMITTING TO THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL WILL APPLY, THEORETICALLY, TO SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

Under U.S. neutrality legislation, American ships are not permitted to touch at any European ports except those in the Mediterranean.

But even if they submit to contraband control at Gibraltar whilst en route to or from Mediterranean ports, German submarines will have the theoretical right, under the new "sink on sight" decision, to torpedo them. In effect, Germany has decided that all ships submitting to Allied contraband control will be treated as having lost neutral status.

Whether U-Boat commanders will actually torpedo American or Japanese ships will, the same quarters state, "depend on circumstances."

Washington Silent

State Department officials in Washington decline to comment on the German claim that she has the right to sink American liners.

Diplomatic quarters in the U.S. capital believe that the statement has been issued in an attempt to minimise the importance of the torpedoing of the Netherlands liner Bergerdijk, which was sunk in the English Channel.

Britain Blamed

A later message from Berlin states that Germany charges that British warships, without "any rights or justification whatsoever, are compelling neutral ships to enter British harbour and are searching them on the High Sea thereby creating a new British right to themselves."

"Britain alone is solely responsible for any damage neutral ships may suffer as a result of German attacks while en route to British harbour," the statement adds.

U.S. Not Concerned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Government quarters state that U-boats could legally sink an American ship forced into a British Control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded 50 per cent. of contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by the Berlin spokesman defending the sinking of the Dutch vessel, and saying that American ships holding the same status would be fair victims.

Hitler's New Orders

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—New instructions that mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching here from Berlin.

The Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, which was sunk on February 12, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures.

The "Telegraaf's" Berlin correspondent, reporting what he was told at the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship is homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

The correspondent believes that the commander of the submarine which sank the Bergerdijk could not have acted on his own responsibility since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German Navy. Hence he must have been acting on instructions amounting to a sort of a "blank cheque" for destruction.

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships to search them at sea instead of taking them to a control point in the Downs.

Merciless Revenge

Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed without explanation if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new rule.

Feeling in Holland is particularly bitter that Germany persistently

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More Ships Torpedoed In U-Boat Campaign

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LONDON, Feb. 14 (UP).—British and neutral shipping alike suffered to-day from Germany's latest campaign of frightfulness on the High Seas.

The largest victim was the 12,300-ton Blue Star Line's steamer Sultan Star, which has been torpedoed 200 miles south of the Irish coast.

AN S.O.S. signal from the Sultan Star, one of the largest merchant ships thus far sunk in the war, states that she was torpedoed shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The last wireless message was transmitted at 11.42 a.m.

It announced simply: "Crew now leaving ship."

The Sultan Star, which was launched at the Cammell Laird yards in 1930, was the largest freighter in the Blue Star fleet.

Tankers Destroyed

Almost simultaneously with the sinking of the Sultan Star came news of the loss of the British tanker Cretafield, of 10,101-tons, which was either mined or torpedoed off the north-east coast of Scotland.

Only 28 of the crew of 41 were saved. Eighteen of the survivors have been sent to hospital with minor injuries.

The tanker British Triumph (6,800-tons) sank after hitting a mine. Five of her crew of 42 are missing.

Among the neutral victims is the 2,300-ton Danish motor-vessel Kirsten Maersk, well-known on the Far Eastern run. She was torpedoed by a German U-Boat in the North Sea.

The crew of thirty men were rescued.

Twice Torpedoed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Five men are believed to be missing from the British Triumph, a London tanker of 8,501 tons, which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea.

Twenty-one members of the crew were landed at an East Coast port and 21 at another port.

The 16 year old wireless operator told how twice in two months he had been rescued from oil tankers sunk by explosions. This had been his second voyage on a British boat and on each occasion he had been shipwrecked.

On December 2, 1939, he was an assistant wireless operator on the tanker San Calisto which struck a mine and sank. He received internal injuries necessitating an operation.

He had only just recovered when he joined the British Triumph.

The British Triumph was attacked by enemy aircraft at Great Yarmouth roadstead only a fortnight ago.

Naval Defence Plans

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and counter-measures. These can only be judged by re-

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MORE NAZI SHIPS OUT

Attempts To Run The Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With 60 tons of coffee, lard, cotton and grain aboard, the German freighter, Uruguay, 5,846 tons, of the Hamburg-South America Line, slipped out of Pernambuco today.

She was the last of ten German vessels lying there to sail.

At the same time, the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons, the Norddeutscher Lloyd freighter, sailed from the Amazon delta, but is reported to have stopped later at Gaivota Island some 75 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Coruna, a Hamburg-South America Line vessel of 7,000 tons, an oil-burning passenger ship, are still unknown.

Harwood At Rio

Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, in a statement to the Press, emphasised that H.M.S. Hawkins was not involved in any incidents with German ships, thus ruling out the possibility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the Wolfsburg which, like the Wakama, is reported to have opened her seacocks off the north coast of Brazil when a British warship was sighted.

It is learned unofficially that H.M.S. Hawkins will remain at Rio for 48 hours instead of 24 as at first reported. The need for slight repairs to her machinery is given as the reason.

KING PRESENTS NEW COLOURS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King yesterday presented new colours to a battalion of the Irish Guards on the parade ground of Wellington Barracks.

The King then went to the Tower of London where he presented colours to a battalion of the Welsh Guards.

On both occasions he wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the regiments.

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ROME, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Marking the first tangible result of meetings during the past days of the Supreme National Defence Council, the Italian Government to-day called to the colours 200,000 additional men of the 1919 and 1920 classes.

The mobilization is believed to have been made as a precaution against the increasing tension reported from the Balkans.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is shortly visiting Rome to again confer with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Informed political circles state that Hungarian-Rumanian relations have not yet taken a turn for the better and the forthcoming conversations between the Foreign Ministers of Italy and Hungary will have important effects on the Balkan situation.

Superhuman Defence By Finns As Reds Dent Lines

By RALPH FORTE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH FORCES ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, Feb. 14 (UP.)—The Russians, after 13 days of intense battering which had no precedent since 1918, have succeeded in denting the Finnish lines east of Summa, where they have captured several fortified positions.

Finnish G.H.Q. claims, however, that the strategical situation is not affected by these advances.

The actual Mannerheim Line is not endangered, and its big guns are not heavily shelling the positions gained by the Russians in an effort to prevent them from consolidating their gains.

Elsewhere, all Russian attacks have been repulsed.

No Man's Land is a desolate, shell-pocked waste of Russian corpses and tanks. Thousands of dead bodies lie between the Finnish and Russian trenches.

"As You Were"

Apart from the 13½ miles of front before Summa, where the Russian offensive has been most intense, the situation elsewhere in Finland is "as you were."

The Russians have made no further attempts to advance north of Lake Ladoga since their disastrous defeat last week.

Finnish batteries on Koivisto Island shelled Russian troops who were attempting to advance along the ice on the Gulf of Finland.

Air raids on the entire countryside continue and several hundred planes visited various districts throughout to-day. Eighteen were shot down.

More Men Called Up

As a result of the admittedly heavy pressure on the Summa front, Finland has decided to call up the 1897 class on February 20. Posters announcing mobilisation were posted up to-day.

Religious Fervour

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—At the opening of the third week of the Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line, the Finns are fighting with something like religious fervour, which seems to be lending them strength beyond the ordinary powers of endurance.

A Finnish officer who has returned from the front says that the army has undergone a striking change of spirit since the beginning of the war. The heavier the fighting the greater the unity.

Attempts by the Russians to advance over ice towards the flanks of the Mannerheim Line have apparently met with disaster. The Finns put up shells which threw men and tanks through the ice into the water.

Although the Russians have now installed advanced posts on the Summa front, they are still faced with about ten miles of continuous blockhouses, tank traps and other formidable defences.

ANSWER (LIKE THIS PHOTO) IS IN THE NEGATIVE

Hitler Rejects Pan-American Note

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany replied to-day to the note sent to all belligerents as regards the establishment of a 300-mile security zone around the Americas.

The reply welcomes the desire of the republics to maintain strict neutrality and says that the contemplated regulation would represent an amendment of international law.

German warships have observed international regulations. They therefore cannot be considered as different from other belligerents, for Britain and France have possessions on the American continent and have established important bases there.

Germany, therefore, suggests that Britain and France, under guarantee of the United States, should accept an obligation not to use these possessions and islands as starting points or bases for military action.

ESBJERG, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Danish Navy announces that a Danish inspection boat is bringing four German pilots who were forced to land in the Faero islands. The men will be interned at Hald where there is a big internment camp.

Neutral Ships At Control Bases

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—On February 13, there were 20 neutral ships in United Kingdom contraband control bases, of which 14 had been there five days or less.

During the week ended February 10, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 123 ships which had arrived since February 3 and 32 outstanding from the previous week.

In 97 cases, the entire cargoes were released on first consideration or after enquiries. Altogether 74 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy of manifests, and in 60 such cases the vessels were released subject to formal checking of the original manifests.

Valve of Navicerts

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—The First U.S.A. ship with her cargo completely covered by navicerts arrived at an Allied contraband control base with a mixed cargo destined for Italy and Turkey and was held up only two and a half hours.

LATEST

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"HITLER" IN ENGLAND FOR A SPOT OF LEAVE

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Hitler is now on shore leave in England. No, it is not Der Fuehrer but a cat from H.M.S. Repulse.

The Repulse, which has been sunk time and time again by Goebbels but is otherwise unharmed, is now in dock so that she can get a refit and her men can get shore leave.

Half of the crew returned from shore leave to-day and the other half are now enjoying their holiday.

With them went one of the ship's two cats, born on her last trip to sea. He is called Hitler.

A reporter who went on board H.M.S. Repulse reports that she "is quite safe and sound" despite Goebbels.

An officer told him that although the ship had no heroic sagas to sing she had put in 130 days' steaming before returning to the base.

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Australia and Manila ....Feb. 16.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 9th February ....Feb. 16.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th February ....Feb. 17.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 8th Dec., 1939) ....Feb. 17.
Haiphong ....Feb. 17.
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Saigon ....Feb. 17.
Shanghai ....Feb. 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February ....Feb. 18.
Canton ....Feb. 18.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon ....Feb. 18.
Japan ....Feb. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy ....Feb. 18.
Haiphong ....Feb. 19.
Japan ....Feb. 19.
Shanghai ....Feb. 19.
Straits ....Feb. 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Feb. 15

Sandakan ....12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March.
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Reg., ...1.45 p.m.
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Haiphong ....3 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai ....7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Amoy ....8.30 a.m.
Tourane ....8.30 a.m.
Japan ....3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th February.
K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
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G.P.O.
Parcels, ...Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., ...Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
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Reg. ....Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Feb. 17, 7.30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord., ...Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ...Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Amoy ....9.00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 19

Canton ....7.15 a.m.
Dairen ....9.30 a.m.
Haiphong ....1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow ....1.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) ....2.30 p.m.
Canton ....7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Shanghai ....8.30 a.m.
Haiphong ....2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Par. ....11.00 a.m.
Ord. ....Noon.
Shanghai ....2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. ....Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th Feb.
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Japan ....7 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

British Press Comments

HITLER'S USE OF HIS VICTIMS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A variety of topics were discussed by British newspapers to-day.

Commenting on Hitler's use of his victims of conquest, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that a year ago, M. Coulondre, French Ambassador to Germany at the time when Hitler was taking over Czecho-Slovakia, was asked what was the real significance of this move.

In a letter written on March 19, 1939, he suggested that Hitler wanted to have at his disposal during the time of war a great reserve of labour and power and that supply from Czecho-Slovakia would help to fill up war gaps.

This prophecy, says the "Manchester Guardian", has come true, as not only has Hitler got the Czechs but also the Poles.

Hitler's Coolies

These labourers are called Hitler's coolies—the description is an apt one.

A new decree gives these labourers under Nazi control, who are not Germans, a special wage rate substantially below that of the German rate.

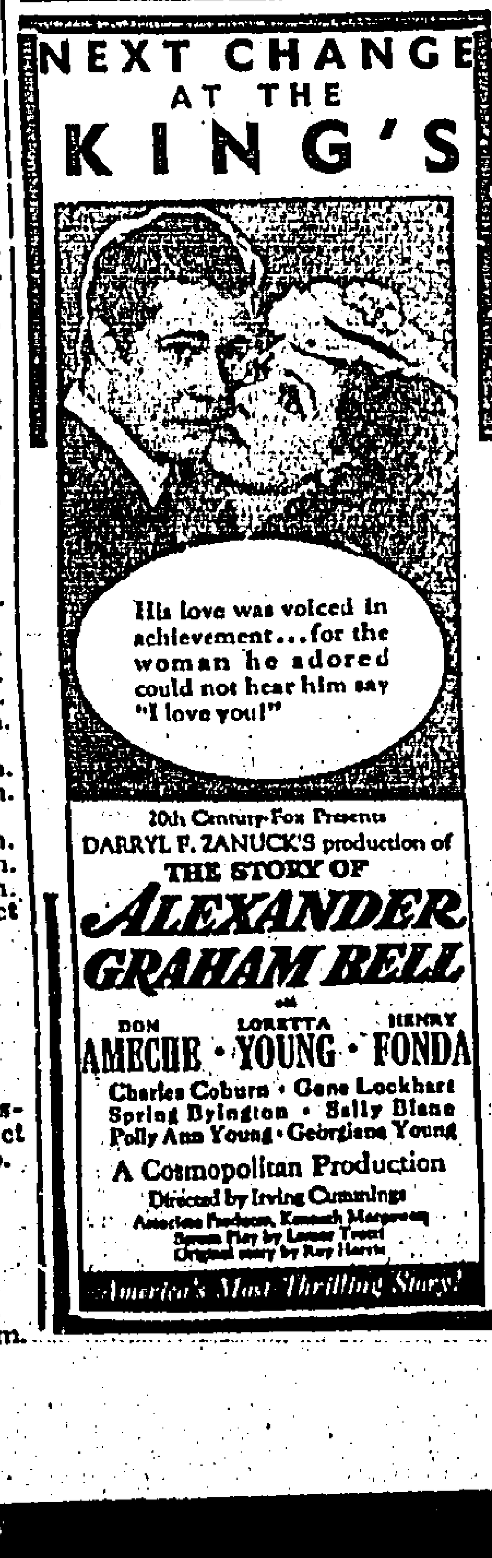
This is how Hitler proposes to recognise Europe, the paper concludes.

The German Method

The "Times" comments on German terrorism which it says aims at eliminating the bravest, the most distinguished, the most learned and the most able of inhabitants which come under Hitler's control.

The "News Chronicle" discusses the curious result of evacuation of children from danger areas. If the evacuation has given the town children a taste of, if not for, the country, it has improved health and brought town and country children together.

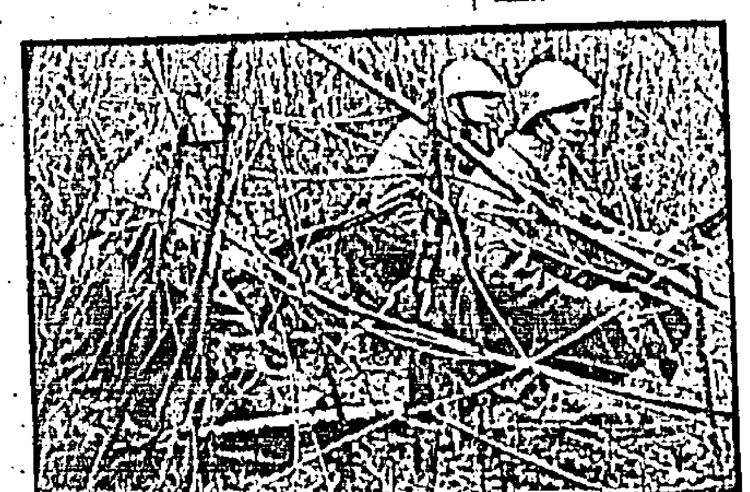
But there is another result of more questionable value—the impact of dialects, for instance, the impact resulting from the meeting of a Cockney boy and a West Country



NEUTRALITY IN WARTIME

THESE three pictures are from neutral countries, yet all show that they are concentrating their thoughts on warlike subjects. The above picture is of Swedish soldiers moving up light artillery in deep snow. These troops are trained specially to endure the hardships of a northern winter.

Here is King Carol with his son Prince Michael at an inspection of new headquarters of the Rumanian Military Academy. Rumania's army, the King decently declared, is prepared to defend the national frontiers to the last drop of its blood. And Rumania, like Sweden, sees Russia as a possible enemy.



THESE Dutch troops on manœuvres show how Holland also is looking to her defences. In this picture is a machine-gun nest hidden in reeds and undergrowth in the Dutch lowlands.

Labour Motion Rejected

Railway Profits Guaranteed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—By a majority of 67, the House of Commons on Tuesday night rejected the Labour motion for the nationalisation of inland and coastwise transport.

The debate arose over the Government scheme whereby railways are guaranteed £40,000,000 profits a year while they are under Government control.

Mr. Herbert Morrison attacked the agreement on the ground that it guaranteed the railways higher profits than they would have made in peacetime.

Two Merits

Captain Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the agreement had two merits. They were paying for railways as they used them with no postponed liabilities. The scheme combined economy with efficiency.

The day after the agreement was signed, he went on, the railway workers received an advance of wages.

If left to themselves, the railways would have made much more than they will under the agreement.

Australians' View-Point

Same Now As In The Last War

CANBERRA, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Archie Cameron, leader of the Australian Country Party, broadcast from Australia to Europe to-day.

He addressed his remarks in particular to the German people.

Discussing fundamental war aims, he said that the British Empire desires nothing from German owners.

In the past, he said, British countries had provided homes for German emigrants many of whom had been welcomed in Australia and were now a part of it.

The British Empire merely insists that Germany's neighbours shall be allowed to maintain their independence and their own state of liberty, he said.

Germany is now meeting Australia again with little learnt from the last war.

Same As In 1914

The Australians felt, he said, as they did in the last war. They were participating in it not because Government had ordered them to do so but because they believed in the justice of the British cause.

Seven Australian divisions fought in the last war and others will follow them this time, he continued.

Looking towards the future after the war was over, Mr. Cameron said that they hoped that political, civil and religious freedom would be established in Europe and that the small states could exist side by side with the big ones without feeling any threat from one man.

Fleet Expansion Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives' Naval Committee have unanimously agreed to the two years $655,000,000 fleet expansion programme.

The Committee have also approved the President's programme to permit the navy to construct an additional 21 warships and 22 auxiliary vessels in the next two years.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that a general licence has been granted for British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and a licence has also been granted for a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

In anticipation of this statement, M. Ivan Maisky, Russian Ambassador to London, was seated in the Diplomatic Gallery.

R.A.F. Has Its Tail Up, Says Air Chief

BOMBERS RIDDLED BY 8-GUN FIGHTERS

By RONALD WALKER
News Chronicle Correspondent with the R.A.F.

FRANCE.

"THERE is no doubt about it. Whenever a Hurricane or a Spitfire gets in touch with the Bosche the enemy machine is shot so full of holes that it resembles a colander."

That statement was made by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, during his first tour of inspection of the R.A.F. in France.

He was standing in a village which is now headquarters of one of the British bomber squadrons and closely inspecting billets of the airmen and making a detailed examination of the menus prepared for the week.

Full Of Confidence

"The British 8-gun fighters have fully come up to expectations," he continued. "And the fighter pilots have learned valuable lessons from their successful attacks on the enemy.

"The R.A.F. have got their tails right up. There are few things they would like better than to have a crack at the enemy. The Air Force is in great heart and is facing the future full of confidence. People at home can rely on them working to the highest traditions earned in the last war."

Sir Cyril Newall said the R.A.F. was grateful to the French military authorities for the assistance they had received and to the French people for the way in which they had received British airmen into their villages and houses.

Tribute To Men

Already many of the men had made considerable progress in learning the language. One of them had progressed so much that he thought that a *coup de grace* was a lawn-mower.

During this tour the Chief of Air Staff has been assured that the maintenance of aircraft in the field is not so difficult as was expected.

Back in England in peace-time aeroplanes are tucked up at night in cosy hangars. Here they stay out in the open, constantly exposed to the wind and rain.

Nevertheless, the ground maintenance crews, who have to keep the fighters and bombers in tip-top order, have a tough job, and Sir Cyril Newall paid a tribute to their work.

PILOT ESCAPES

BRUSSELS.

A 21-year-old R.A.F. pilot named R. Kennedy, who was interned when he made a forced landing at Esch (Luxemburg) has escaped into France.

Kennedy informed the colonel of the Luxemburg Barracks that he could no longer consider himself to be on parole.

He was forbidden to walk in the city in civilian clothes, and was shadowed by an Army officer.

Later he suggested a walk on the ramparts. The officer agreed.

Suddenly, Kennedy shook hands, said good-bye, and jumped 15ft. below into the darkness.

Shipping Line Has No Ships Left in Fleet

MONTREAL.—The steamship line without ships and without a country is maintaining its Canadian offices, convinced that better times are ahead.

These are trying days for the Gdynia-America Line. It's impossible to live up to the Company's slogan of "the only direct line to Poland," since the German-Russian invasion

It's impossible, too, to maintain the "regular sailings to Baltic ports" advertised on the office windows, now that the Pilsudski, flagship of the company, has been torpedoed, and the other ships of the line taken over for Allied war service.

But the same spirit that keeps the Polish Government functioning on French soil is evident among the officials of the Gdynia-America line. Its business is at a standstill, it is forced to move to less pretentious quarters—but skeleton staffs are kept at work. The company is carrying on.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks $ (c.d.) ....1,400 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ x.d. 85 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ x.d. 87 n.
Chartered £ ....9 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ ....31 n.
Mercantile, C. £ ....12⅓ n
East Asia $ ....78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton $ ....212½ b.
Union $ ....470 n.
China Underwriter $ ....1 s.
H.K. Fire $ ....180 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases $ ....100 b.
Steamboats $ ....10½ n.
Indo-Chinas P$ ....100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$ ....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/- ....73/1½ n.
Waterboats $ ....7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $ ....102 sa.
Docks $ ....23.35 b. sa.
Providents $ ....4.60 b.
New Eng. Sh. ....29¾ n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $ (x.d.) ....335 n.

MINING

Kailan s/- ....18/- n.
Raubs $ ....10 n.
Venz. Gold $ ....4 n.
H.K. Mines ....3½ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels $ ....5.65 b.
Lands $ ....37 s.
Lands 4% Debentures ....100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $ ....17½ n.
Humphreys $ ....8¼ n.
H.K. Realties $ ....4½ n.
Chinese Estates $ ....101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $ ....18.30 b.
Peak Trams (old) $ ....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $ ....4 n.
Star Ferries $ ....68½ sa.
Y. Ferries $ ....24¾ b.
China Lights (old) $ ....7.90 b.
China Lights (new) $ ....4.95 sa.
H.K. Electrics $ ....57½ sa.
Macao Electrics $ ....20 b.
Sandakan Lights $ ....11½ b.
Telephones (old) $ ....25.90 n.
Telephones (new) $ ....9½ b.
Tractions s/- ....19/6 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/- ....19/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $ ....14.90 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $ ....12 n.
Canton Ices $ ....1 n.
Cements $ ....19¼ s.
H.K. Ropes $ ....5¾ b.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) $ ....22 b.
Dairy Farms (new) $ ....21.10 b.
Watsons $ ....9.60 s.
Lane, Crawfords $ ....7½ n.
Sincerees $ ....1.80 n
Wing On (H.K.) $ ....41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $ ....1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $ ....30 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $ ....170 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $ ....44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $ ....48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments $ ....7.10 b.
Constructions (old) $ ....1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $ ....1 n.
Vibro Piling $ ....8¾ n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925
G. Bonds ....60% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan ....100½ sa.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan ....95¾ n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/s ....15/3 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ....4/- n.

Conditions Improve In Palestine

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—In reply to a question concerning various aspects of the conditions in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary said in the Commons: "Steady improvement in the international situation in Palestine has been fully maintained. I am fully aware of the whole-hearted support which is being given by Jews throughout the world to the Allied cause, one of the purposes of which is the freeing of Jews from their cruel persecutors in Central Europe.

H. M. Government's policy allows for a very considerable degree of immigration of Jews into Palestine over the next ten years, and there is no question of departing from that policy. A legal quota was allowed for some 10,000 Jews to go to Palestine and be settled in the last six months."

National Savings Campaign

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—During the first 11 weeks of the National Savings Campaign, over £80,000,000 has been raised, which is nearly four times the anticipated rate.

When the voluntary campaign was launched with the creation of a new savings certificate and a new defence bond, it was expected to raise about £100,000,000 in twelve months.

Since war began, 10,000 new savings groups have been formed, bringing the total to more than 50,000. About 75 per cent. of these are in offices and factories. New groups are being formed at a rate of 250 daily. If the groups do their work properly, they should ensure that an even larger amount of current savings will be passed to the Government.

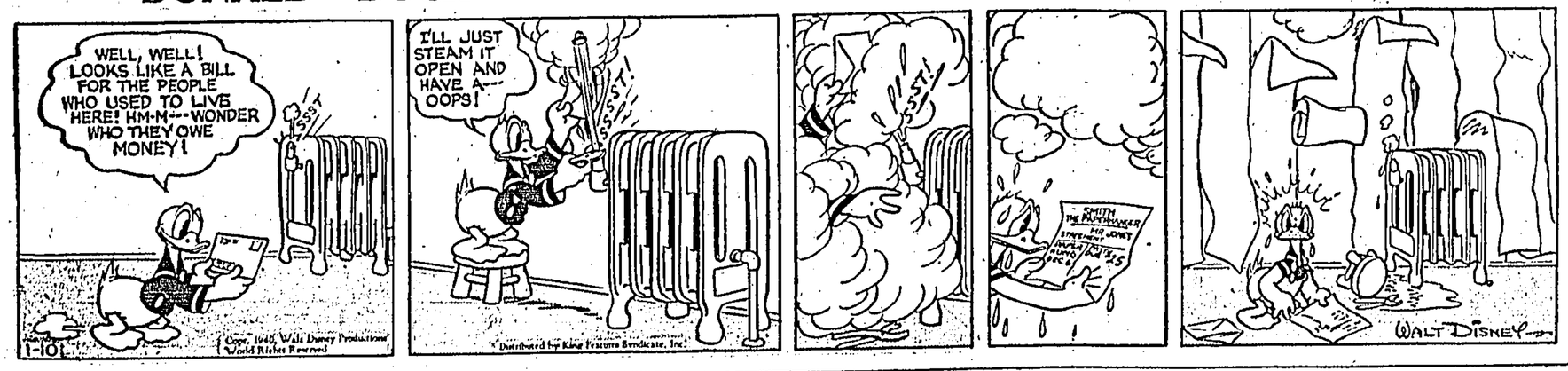
War Prisoner Camps

Allegations that ardent Nazis in war prisoner camps in Britain are forming groups under a Gauleiter, and are bullying less enthusiastic fellow-Germans, are being officially investigated.

This is part of the War Office inquiry into war prisoner camps generally, an inquiry that was set up because of successive escapes by Germans from the camps.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Haydn—Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") in F Sharp Minor.

12.55 A Schubert Song.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Compositions of Richard Strauss.

7.20 Violin Solos by Emil Telmanyi.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

7.50 Studio—Short talk on the forthcoming Hongkong Dog Show.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert & Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Al Bollington at the Organ.

8.35 Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Iraq."

9.05 Sea Shanties.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 "Old and New"—A Potpourri of Popular Melodies arranged by Herman Finck.

Herman Finck and His Orchestra.

9.45 Favourite Ballads.

10.04 Eric Coates—Springtime Suite.

Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.

10.17 Mendelssohn—Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1.

Stradivarius String Quartet.

10.42 Leopold Stokowski and the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

"Carmen"—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet)—Entr'acte, Act 4; "Samson and Delilah"—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens); "Damnation of Faust"—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Hungarian Dance No. 1.

11.0 Close down.

TRIBUTE TO TWEEDSMUIR

Ottawa, Feb. 14.

Long lines of women and children stretched across the snowcovered slopes of Parliament Hill to-day waited patiently despite the cold to file past Lord Tweedsmuir's coffin.

The crowd was so great that the Senate Chamber, where the body has been lying in State since its arrival from Montreal, was left open throughout the evening and by midnight 14,000 people had filed past.—*Reuter.*

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FIFTY OF 99 DEAD IN THETIS WORE DAVIS ESCAPE APPARATUS

—Inquiry Disclosures

WHEN the inquiry into the loss of the submarine Thetis in Liverpool Bay last June was resumed in London it was disclosed that 50 of the 99 dead wore the Davis escape apparatus when the bodies were recovered.

Photograph taken inside the submarine after she had been raised were examined by the Tribunal, of which Mr. Justice Bucknill is president.

Sir Donald Somervell, K.C., the Attorney-General (for the Admiralty), said the condition of the escape chamber when the vessel was found was that one of the doors—he thought the after door—was open and one of the main valves into the escape chamber was also open.

"The effect of that was that, as the vessel was foundering, water could enter from the sea," he added.

Chief Petty-Officer Rowkins said that both doors of the escape chamber were open, as the bodies were taken out that way.

Mr. Justice Bucknill: Has any leak been detected in the plates of this compartment—otherwise it must have got in through the escape chamber?

Sir Donald Somervell: I think it is clear from the evidence that when the vessel was found there was access from the sea into the submarine and into any compartments which had not got their bulkheads shut.

Why Stern Sank

Mr. Justice Bucknill: That might explain why her stern sank so suddenly.

Sir Donald: It might.

Rowkins, questioned by Mr. Reginald Paget (one of the counsel for the relatives of William Henry Smith, an apprentice who lost his life), said that out of the 99 bodies recovered, 50 were wearing the Davis escape apparatus.

Mr. Paget: What I was going to suggest happened was that as soon as it became clear that there would not be time to evacuate the men in rotation owing to their becoming exhausted, it might have been decided to use all the engine room as a large escape chamber so that by flooding the whole compartment the men in that compartment would be able to file out?

Rowkins replied that if they were going to do that and the valves had been opened for them to do it, all the men would have been wearing the escape appartus. When the hatch of the after escape chamber was opened in his presence in dry dock at Holyhead it opened properly.

Panic Theory

Mr. Justice Bucknill asked Rowkins if he could throw any light on why the after escape hatch was not used after Mr. Shaw and Leading Stoker Arnold had escaped.

Rowkins replied that sometimes during the flooding of the escape chamber a man felt he could not stand the pressure. "A man panics, and somebody then may have opened the door on the forward side to allow him to get out," he added. "The man on the after side would only know that the man was panicking."

After Rowkins had advanced in technical language a second theory the judge said: "You mean they did not turn some handle sufficiently to enable men inside to open the hatch—and I believe that theory is borne out by the position of that turning handle as subsequently found—so that men had gone into the chamber, tried to open the hatch, found they could not open it, and then opened the forward door, thereby letting the water pour into the submarine? Is that right?"

Rowkins: Yes.

Engine Room Escape Bid?

The Judge: Finding they could not open the hatch of the chamber they decided to use the engine room itself as an escape chamber, and escape through the hatch, through which the bodies were subsequently brought; and to try to do that they tried to flood the engine room by opening this door and the sea valve. It is suggested to me that the exhaust in the engine room was also found open.

Commander R. M. Edwards, R.N., Submarine Assistant to the Director of Naval Equipment, said that in his opinion the bow cap on No. 5 tube was not open when the vessel left Liverpool.

Asked how he thought it came to be open later, Commander Edwards replied:

"In my view, in the ten minutes prior to the accident, after power had been put off, someone inadvertently moved the bow-cap operating lever towards the open position and perhaps realising that he had moved it, but not realising what he had done by moving it, he moved it back again to a similar position of the other levers on the panel. It might be some man who had no technical knowledge as to the functions of these levers."

Enamelled Test Cock

Commander Edwards was also questioned about his earlier evidence that the aperture of the test cock in No. 5 tube door had been found to be enamelled over with bitumastic enamel.

He agreed that the Thetis had passed the Admiralty overseers before she went out for her test.

Mr. G. H. B. Streatfield (for the Wallis Dove Bitumastic Company, Ltd.): Had not anybody cause to inspect it on behalf of the Admiralty?—It should have been inspected subsequent to being painted,

Wrecked Twice—Saved By Breeches Buoy

Passengers and crew of the torpedoed Dutch freighter Tajandeon were rescued for the second time in a few hours when they were brought ashore by breeches buoy from the Belgian ship Louis Shied, which went aground on the South Coast yesterday. They had been picked up by the Louis Shied after their ship had sunk during the previous night. These pictures show (top) the Belgian ship aground with the rescue apparatus rigged, and (above) a Dutch officer helped on to the cliff top

Advance Posts In Red Hands

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A Finnish official communique issued to-night admits for the first time that the Russians have occupied advance posts in the Mannerheim Line.

Another official communique issued to-day states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued their heavy attacks on Tuesday.

Only on the Summa sector, states the communique, has the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our foremost supporting points but a thrust checked them in front of our supporting points.

Everywhere else, the enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers.

Thousands were killed and dozens of destroyed tanks were left in front of our lines.

The fighting is continuing.

North-east of Lake Ladoga our troops dispersed all enemy attempts to thrust forward and a few tanks were destroyed.

Battalion Mowed Down

In the direction of Kuhmo (Central Finland), one Russian battalion was mown down and several "nests" were destroyed.

There was lively patrol activity in other sectors.

The communique also mentions that the Finnish air defences were involved yesterday in a number of air battles and Finnish planes continued to successfully bomb the enemy concentrations and encampments.

Among other places, the Russians bombed Vilpuri.

It is estimated that during the day several hundred enemy planes were in action over the country. The Finnish fighters and air defences shot down 17 enemy planes, according to confirmed reports.

Finn Counter-Attacks

It is officially announced that successful counter-attacks were carried out to-day on the Karelian Isthmus. The fighting is stated to have been particularly sanguinary.

The Russians fiercely bombarded the Mannerheim Line.

In Complete Control

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Feb. 14 (UP).—It is announced that Finnish troops now have complete control of Suomussalmi and the Kuhmo highway despite repeated Russian air attacks. Kuhmo village is no longer subjected to Russian artillery fire, indicating that the Russians have commenced to withdraw their heavy artillery to the frontier.

It is understood that at least 35,000 Russian bodies are lying in the battlefield.

British Voluntoors

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day it was stated by Capt. O. Peake, Under-Secretary in the Home Office, in a written reply to a question on this subject, that a general licence had been granted to British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and that a licence would be granted to a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

Capt. Peake added that H. M. Government had carefully considered this matter in the light of the resolution passed by the Assembly of the League of Nations on December 14 on the subject of provision of assistance to Finland.

It would be in their view inconsistent with the spirit of that resolution that British subjects who wished to volunteer for service in Finland should be hindered by provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, seeing that that Act contains power to grant dispensations.

Funeral Well Attended

The funeral of the late Mr. P. M. Hodgson took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Father Rigatti officiating.

Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. G. A. Pentreath and Mr. T. O. Tso walked immediately behind the cortege, while others present included.

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. Justice Fraser, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. S.Ill. Dodwell, Mr. Justice Lindsell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr.; Messrs. D. V. Steavenson, B. C. Randall, J. D. Humphreys, J. B. Prentis, G. G. N. Tinson, G. B. Wilson, A. H. Seth, F. G. Nigol, F. E. Nash, E. Davidson, C. B. Brown, B. Wylie, F. P. Franklin, D. E. Clarke, E. Potter, J. T. Prior, J. H. Taggart, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, D. J. N. Anderson, M. H. Turner, F. X. d'Almada, C. d'Almada, R. A. Wadeson, F. H. Loseby, A. el Arculli, J. M. d'Almada Remedios, H. G. Sheldon, T. H. G. Brayfield, D. Hancock, D. H. Blake, D. L. Strellet, B. D. Evans, M. W. Lo, S. M. Churn, J. T. Bagram, H. J. Armstrong, G. G. Wood, R. Edwards, T. E. Pearce, S. Berg, E. M. Raymond, M. A. da Silva, D. McCallum, A. R. Alves, R. Pestonji, Benjamin, Alfred Y. Hon, S. A. Sleap, P. Sin.

NINE GERMANS TO LEAVE SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—British official circles announce that the handing over of nine Germans in retention at Hongkong to Japanese authorities would take place in the near future.

They confirm that negotiations are in progress between the Japanese and the British Governments regarding definite arrangements. The date and methods of handing over have been discussed between Mr. Tani, the Vice-Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo.

BLITZKRIEG MAY BE LAUNCHED BY HITLER SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"The second phase of the war will soon begin," said Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information, speaking at Altrincham, Lancashire, to-day.

Hitler, he said, might launch a great offensive or might hold his hand. If Hitler took the former course, he said, the British people would rise to the occasion as they always had done in the past.

Germany had the advantage of a much longer preparation in time of peace and her stock of munitions were certainly very large, he continued.

It would be significant indeed if she failed to deliver a carefully prepared and massive blow.

Alluding to the Prime Minister's distinction between war aims and peace aims, Sir Edward Grigg observed that peace aims would of necessity remain a dream until the war aims were realised.

There could be no future but degradation and darkness for Europe and for Britain if the military power of Germany were not destroyed, he said.

Four Things Needed

Four things, he added, were needed for victory.

They were rapid expansion of the Allied fighting forces already formidable though they were vastly increased; output of munitions; strong national finances, and a buoyant export trade.

"We can all play our part in one or other of these four branches of national effort. In particular we can save and bear the shortage of many things which we normally enjoy", he said.

While the Government is doing all it could by rationing and by pegging food prices he said, and in other ways trying to lessen hardships, it was necessary to stress that hard times lay ahead.

"Let us face them proudly, for no generation of men ever marched beneath a cleaner banner for a nobler goal," he concluded.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1890.

Lady des Voeux will be at home on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., from 4 to 6 o'clock.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1915.

It appears that Count Bernstorff, in the course of his interview with Mr. Bryan, intimated that Germany would partly rescind her "war zone decree" if Mr. Bryan insisted upon the Wilhelmina's cargo of foodstuffs being delivered at Hamburg. Failing this, he threatened "further frightfulness" and the direction of such "frightfulness" is indicated by a Copenhagen despatch to the effect that Germany contemplates a gigantic broadcasting of floating mines.

The American Ambassador at Berlin, interviewed by the "National Zeitung" dwelt upon the insanity of a German-American war, which, he said, would be fatal to Germany economically, in view of the German millions invested in American undertakings. But the Ambassador added, the language of the German press increased the difficulty of solving a difficult problem and the possibility of serious conflict would instantly arise if an American ship were sunk.

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In contemplating the wonderful loyalty which has been shown by the Oversea Dominions in the present great crisis, the part which Australia has played stands forth with much prominence. She has, to the deep satisfaction of her people, been associated with magnificent work at sea, but above all else the manner in which she has come forward with soldiers to swell our Expeditionary Force on the Continent fills all Britishers with intense admiration. She has already provided a contingent of 20,000 men has now offered another batch of 10,000 and will train an additional 4,000 men every month as reinforcements.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1930.

The opening of the investigation of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives into the question of Prohibition, was marked by warm applause when the chairman, a well-known "Wet", declared that Prohibition had been tested for ten years with no satisfactory results.

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The prophets have all been confounded by the appointment of Sir William Peel as Governor of Hongkong in succession to Sir Cecil Clementi.

The actual appointment, however, goes to an officer who has had a long and distinguished career in Malaya, where he has spent the whole of his colonial service extending over a period of 32 years. At the moment, Sir William Peel is Home on leave, and it is therefore not possible to say when he will come to Hongkong, but we can bespeak for him in advance a very cordial welcome when he lands to assume the Governorship.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1935.

Baron von Neurath this afternoon handed the British and French Ambassadors the German answer to the Franco-British proposals for a Europe air accord. The German note was semi-officially described as friendly and favourable towards the principle of general discussion along the lines suggested.

The note stated that Germany was willing to negotiate; indeed, was willing to place her air force at the proposed Pact's disposal. This offer, it is explained in reliable sources, was made since the London Agreement assumed the existence of such a force. The note expressed the German Government's willingness for negotiation of an arms convention, at least in principle, and welcomed the offer to abolish Part V of the Versailles Treaty, which would remove the stigma of inferiority so keenly felt in Germany.

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Interviewed in the prison cell, Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to die by electrocution for the murder of the Lindbergh baby in less than a month's time, declared to-day that he was ready "to die like a man."

S.M.R. OPENS HERE

A cocktail party was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday by the South Manchuria Railway Company, Limited, to mark the opening of the Company's offices in Hongkong, at 1A, Chater Road. About 300 guests were presented. They were received by Mr. Akira Watanabe.

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The Anzacs

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of Australian and New Zealand troops—the sons of the famous "Diggers" of the Great War—have arrived in Egypt.

After the Canadians, the Anzacs. Britain welcomes them all, cordially and proudly.

More praise is due, too, to the Navy for convoying them around the globe without mishap.

Citizens of the British Commonwealth in both hemispheres rejoice at the free, prompt and unanimous decision of the British Dominions to join in the struggle against Hitler. Nothing has surprised foreign countries more sharply, and nothing has angered Hitler more deeply.

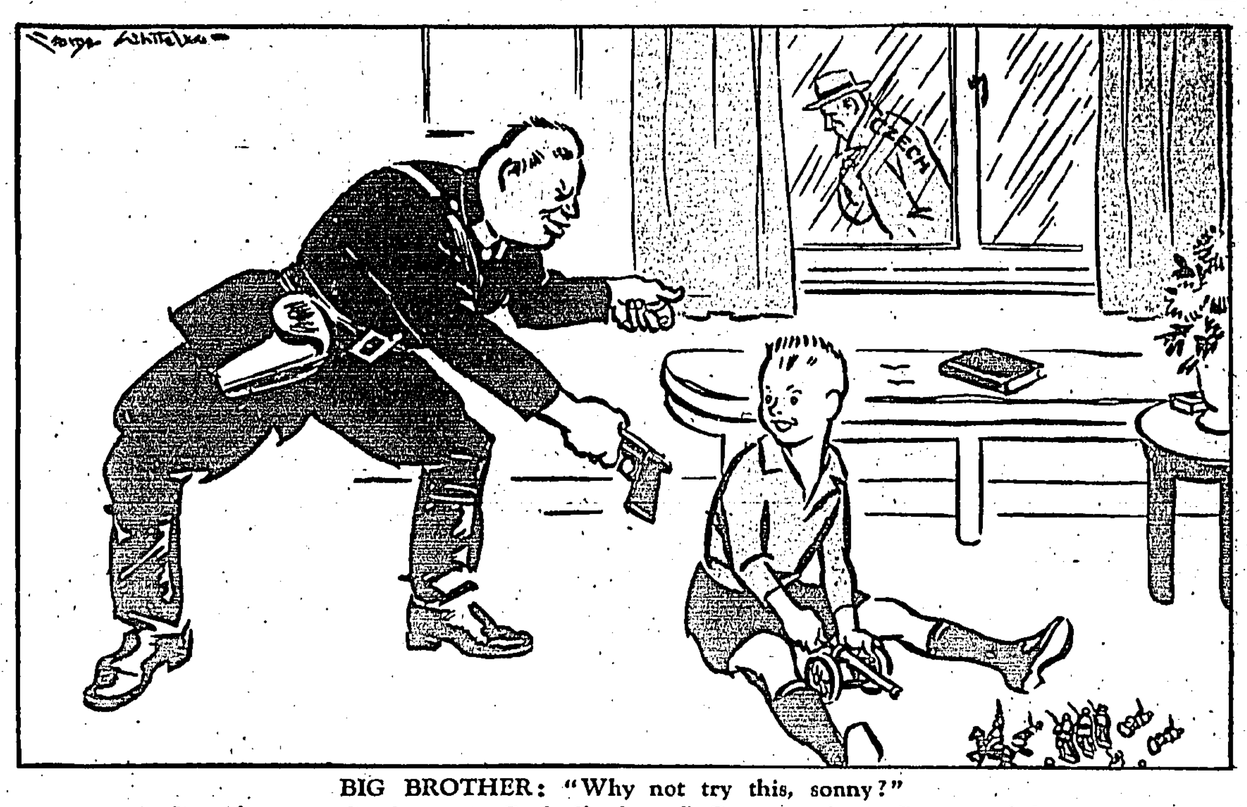
The British Commonwealth has its merits and its faults. In wartime, we see it at its best—a free association of democratic peoples who spontaneously unite together to resist the threat of barbarism. Democratic sentiment, despite Mr. H. G. Wells' article in the adjoining columns, is the soul of the British Commonwealth. A beloved King is its font. And, thanks to the Navy, it has teeth as well.

Few people realise the extent by which the free Dominions can aid the Motherland in this fight against Hitlerism. In this war they are mobilised to a much fuller extent than in the last and, what is more, they have attained power in many ways—in increased populations, in increased productivity, in increased wealth. In all of Europe there are only eight countries who can boast more people than either Canada or Australia. There are larger populations in both Dominions than in Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Scotland or Slovakia. Even plucky little Finland, which fights the entire might of Red Russia, has but half the population of either Canada or Australia.

In the last war, Australia mobilised 412,953 men, sent 357,781 overseas. The A.I.F. lost 58,182 dead and had a total casualty list of 214,360, higher in proportion than the casualty lists of either Britain, France or Germany.

And, what is more, the Dominions equipped and maintained their own forces in 1914-18. The million men they sent to Europe aided materially in the Allied victory.

Hitler faces more than England and France. He faces an Empire upon which the sun never sets.



BIG BROTHER: "Why not try this, sonny?"

Since the recent disturbances in Czecho-Slovakia, all German males in Prague, including members of the Hitler Youth Movement, have been served out with arms.

H. G. Wells and the fate of Homo Sapiens*

"I HAVE been asked to set down as simply and clearly as I can, in one compact book, the reality of the human situation.

"That is to say, I have been asked to state the world as I see it and what is happening to it. This is the result."

In these words Mr. H. G. Wells launches a book which in 330 pages ranges over the whole world scene and depicts in neat pen portraits all the big men of the day and the problems they are trying to solve.

It sets down Wells' own private solution to their problems—the education of mankind till it is fit for a democracy in which there is real equality, economic justice, universal education, and full knowledge for all those who desire to know.

He calls his book, "The Fate of Homo Sapiens," and it is published by Secker and Warburg at 7s. 6d. Here are some of the things he has to say:—

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

THIS is undignified writing. This is in the worst possible taste. Yet I cannot explain the twists and turns of Mr. Neville Chamberlain unless I use the terms I do.

How can I adorn him with splendid prose? I cannot see him as anything but essentially ignorant, narrow-minded, subconsciously timid, cunning and inordinately vain.

Most of the acts of Mr. Chamberlain since September, 1938, have been as irresponsible as those of any Dictator, equally unscrupulous and far more shameful. He has indeed made himself a Dictator by tact and betrayal instead of by violent seizure.

HITLER

IT is plain that the Fuehrer is insane; he shows all the symptoms of a recognised form of sex mania, the jealous fear and hate of the great raping black man—who in his case becomes the Jew.

Since in his case the obsession endangers the lives of people about him, he should be certified and put under restraint.

But insanity has its advantages as well as its handicaps. It involves an abnormal concentration of purpose and nervous energy.

MUSSOLINI

COMPARED with Hitler he is sane, intelligent and human.

He is vain, rhetorical and immensely energetic, with the energy not of morbid concentration but physical abundance.

He is what many men would like to be.

Where Hitler is an unqualified horror, Mussolini often is, as schoolboys say, a bit of an ass—which is much more endearing.

Until we remember the castor oil campaign, and the poison bombs in Abyssinia and the Lipari Islands, he is a lark. But then the lark stops singing.

STALIN

STALIN I liked when I talked to him. I did not think he had an overwhelming intelligence, but I thought he was honest and strong and human.

I have been disillusioned about him mainly by those foolish films of personal propaganda he has allowed to be made, "Lenin on October," for example.

JEWS

WHY should any country want these inassimilable aliens bent on preserving their distinctness?

Until they are prepared to assimilate and abandon the Chosen People idea altogether, their troubles are bound to intensify.

ROYALTY

THE monarch professes to act only on the advice of his or her Ministers, but as a matter of fact the Court is a centre of social and administrative influence of an entirely undemocratic sort.

A crown is a symbol of graded privilege.

In the place of Heil Hitler or the Fascist salute, these royalist peoples, at the sound of their particular National Anthem, stand stiffly to attention with an air of ineffable reverence.

It is a quite parallel act of worship, and as complete a repudiation of the personal responsibility of democracy.

RUSSIA

WHEN everything that can be said has been said against it, Russia still seems to be ahead of the rest of the world in its progress towards the practical realisation of the complete democratic idea.

Whether it will go on and keep that lead is quite another matter.

The Bolsheviks, planless themselves, had to take over a land shattered, impoverished, chaotic, invaded from every direction, and make a working system of it, some sort of new order, however rough and clumsy, or perish.

And they have made a new order, rough and clumsy still perhaps in many aspects, but holding together, and not nearly so rough and clumsy as it might have been.

JAPAN

THE rulers of Japan to-day are Nazis without a Hitler, Fascists without a Mussolini.

In Japan are the same factors that existed in Russia in 1918, the factors of a crude and violent social revolt. There is no greater threat to a Government than the return of a defeated army.

It will go ill in such an event with nobles and dignitaries and priests, and it is quite among the possibilities of the next few years that the last divine heir of the Sun Goddess may share a parallel fate to that of the last Little Father of Russia.

Then, starting from an even lower level than Russia in 1918, Japan will have to reconstruct its social and economic life.

That may be one possibility, but history never repeats itself exactly, and revolutionary methods have changed very greatly in the last twenty years.

CHINA

THE chief forces operating to produce the China of to-morrow are Chinese Communism, or, to define it more clearly, para-Communism, and Chiang Kai-shek's New Life movement, which is plainly para-Fascism.

They may combine against the common enemy, but they have no real convergence. The end of the war with Japan will release, rather than conciliate, their oppositions.

China liberated will become more and more a battleground of world ideologies. She will waver between Soviet Russia and Fascism, between Christianity of the J. D. Rockefeller type, on the one hand, and a tentative Socialism after the fashion of the New Deal, rather to the left of the New Deal, on the other.

BRITAIN

SO far from exercising any further leadership in world affairs, Great Britain is much more likely to withdraw into itself.

THE FUTURE

THERE is no creed, no way of living left in the world at all, that really meets the needs of the time.

In spite of all my disposition to a brave-looking optimism, I perceive now that the universe is bored with man, is turning a hard face to him, and I see him being carried along the stream of fate to degradation, suffering and death.

That, compactly, is the human outlook, the only possible alternative to the wilful and strenuous adaptation by re-education of our species now—forthwith—that I am urging in this book.

Adapt or perish, that is and always has been the implacable law of life for all its children.

A salvaging of the species is still just possible. That is as much as the most hopeful mind can say.

★*Fine old Latin phrase, meaning you and me and the rest of us.*

To-day's Thought

THE future is purchased by the present.
—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THEY HAVE A RIVAL WHO IS 97,412 YEARS AHEAD

JAPAN celebrated the 2,600th anniversary of its foundation as an Empire this week.

It makes you think how comparatively young most of the great nations of the world are.

ENGLAND is 1,111 years old. It became a kingdom in 828 under King Egbert. Before then it had been seven kingdoms under seven warring Kings.

England and Scotland were united when James I. succeeded in 1603.

The Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which meant the end of the Scottish Parliament, did not come until 1707, and is therefore 233 years old.

FRANCE is 1,097 years old. It was not born until the year 843. Three sons of Charlemagne cut up his vast empire when he died because none of them was great enough to govern it. One of them received a large part of what eventually became France as his share.

GERMANY is only sixty-nine years old. It was proclaimed in the Gallery of Mirrors at Versailles in 1871 after the end of the Franco-Prussian war.

Before that Germany had been a mosaic of small States. In the time of Napoleon there were more than three hundred of them.

ITALY is only seventy-nine years old. It was founded in 1861 out of the separate States of foreign provinces of Piedmont, Sardinia, Lombardy, Tuscany, Modena, Parma, Ne Romanga and Sicily.

THE UNITED STATES, it is odd to recall, is older than many European States. Born in 1776 after the War of Independence, it is 164 years old.

POLAND, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA and several other States were only twenty-two years old. They were founded after the war in 1918.

SPAIN is 470 years old. A marriage made it into a kingdom. Ferdinand II. of Aragon married Isabella of Castile in 1469.

BELGIUM, it is seldom remembered, is only 109 years old. In 1830 it belonged to Holland, but in that year there was a national rising and Belgium became a separate kingdom under Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, Queen Victoria's uncle.

But easily the oldest of them all, at least according to her own claims, is China. According to legend the "Celestial Empire" is 100,000 years old.

ATTLEE'S WARNING

Country Must Be Well Prepared

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—Speaking in London to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee said he found neither the spirit of lighthearted adventure nor a false glamour of glory amongst the British people, but rather a mood of endurance and the fixed determination of people who felt themselves to be engaged in a struggle for the survival of European civilisation.

"If we cannot say what civilisation is, we know well what it is not, and a country which denies all Rights to the individual, a country which murders people for no other reason than that they belong to a particular race, and a country which hates mercy truth and freedom is no civilised country."

Mr. Attlee warned his hearers against undue optimism, and said that though all hoped that there would be no tremendous slaughter from air attacks, it was necessary to be amply prepared. Peace must be followed by building a world free from aggression and constraint.

Although a difficult time undoubtedly would follow the war, Mr. Attlee said he saw no reason for an era of great distress.

WESTERN FRONT

Fire Exchanged Across Rhine

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Despite shelling by artillery and trench mortars, Nazi raiders have again been driven back in disorder on the Western Front, it was revealed to-day.

Exchanges of fire between casemates on the Rhine have also been reported.

The bitter cold wave still grips the Western Front and the thermometer has dropped to four degrees above zero Fahrenheit—28 degrees of frost.

In the region east of the Moselle, the German High Command continues to attempt to raid French posts with the object of capturing prisoners.

The latest attempt has again been repulsed.

It was supported by carefully planned artillery although the raiders were few and numbered about 50.

At the same time trench mortars sent their heavy projectiles hurtling down on the post itself. But the French artillery had not been idle.

French gunners put down a heavy barrage of shells in front, and the curtain of fire, coupled with shots from the automatic arms of the garrison, drove the Nazi raiders back in disorder.

A communique issued to-day states that an enemy raid failed to the west of the Saar.

A German cargo was captured and taken into a French port.

GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. LINERS

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picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves the big ones alone

Bitter Comment

OSLO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany's ruthless war on neutral shipping continues to draw bitter comment from neutral newspapers.

The leading Norwegian newspaper, "Tidenstegn," makes a drastic suggestion that the powers in Oslo must stop trading with Germany unless the Reich guarantee the lives of Scandinavian seamen.

The latest German excuse that neutral ships may be sunk even when they are being taken compulsorily to an Allied contraband control harbour is rejected by this newspaper, which says that if Germany continues to adopt this attitude the neutrals will have to revise their attitude towards the Reich.

This German claim was repeated yesterday when it claimed that the sinking of the Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, was legal.

The Captain of this ship stresses the fact that the U-boat commander refused to examine his papers.

French Officer Decorated

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A French liaison officer has been given the Croix de Guerre for his action with a British patrol in No-Man's-Land.

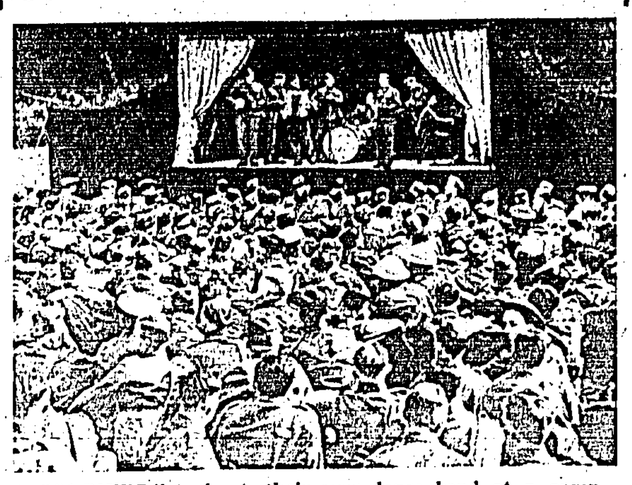
He attached himself to the patrol when a British officer was killed while trying to silence German machine-guns. He took command of the party and brought them back safely to the British lines.

N. Y. SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The first blizzard of winter has swept the city. At least fifty are injured. For a few hours traffic was almost paralysed. It was the worst storm since 1936.

Pedestrians were forced to cling to lamp-posts and ropes strung across the streets to prevent their being blown over.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES



SOLDIERS listening to their own dance band at a camp 'somewhere in England.' *Photo courtesy of B.B.C.*

Hockey Interport

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display at left half. Mrs. Stone was a reliable full-back, and excelled in first-time tackling.

"Y" had the better of the exchanges, and were just unlucky to concede two short corners at the critical time.

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How the games went:

1ST ROUND.—H.K. Ladies bye, and "Y" Ladies beat Recreio Ladies 1-0 in the opening game. It was a keen game in which, territorially, the winners were far superior. After several dangerous raids in the first half, when Miss Z. Barros saved well from Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw, the last named found the net off a free hit from her sister, Miss M. McCaw.

"Y" Ladies improved in the second half, and might have scored several times, but for the good work of Mrs. M. Silva and Miss B. Remedios in the Recreio defence. Raids by the "Y" Ladies were continued until the final whistle without any further results. "Y" defence gave a very fine performance.

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C.B.A. bye, and C.B.S. defeat St. Andrew's 2-0.

The early play favoured the schoolgirls, and after two minutes Miss J. Moss followed up a beautiful centre from Miss E. Watson to flick in a nice goal. C.B.S. kept up the running, and Miss E. Watson cut into the circle to beat Miss J. Hall once more.

A fast pace was maintained throughout a keen second half, and though the Saints' forwards went very close to scoring, they found it extremely difficult to get past the school defence, in which Miss B. Goodwin did well at full-back.

Features of the C.B.S. team's display were faultless intercepting by the halves, Miss S. Rousseau and Miss P. Kirby.

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SECOND Round. "Y" Ladies defeat H.K. Ladies 3-1, and C.B.A. defeat C.B.S. 2-0.

"Y" Ladies won their match by effective combination. Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw were quick on the ball, and always gained hearty support from their halves. Miss Gray defended well for H.K. Ladies, but she made one blunder in the first half, which resulted in Miss D. McCaw scoring.

After the interval, Miss M. Smalley equalised with a grand reverse stick shot, but the "Y" attack was again on the offensive, and further goals were added by Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

The H.K. forwards could not get together, and there was a conspicuous lack of dash.

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C.B.S. received an unexpected shock when they went down 2-0 to the C.B.A. Smart work by the C.B.A. halves led to Miss I. Woolley opening their account with a beautifully placed shot. A few minutes later Miss Squires cleverly dribbled the ball down the right flank, and scored a good goal.

In the second half the schoolgirls retaliated strongly, causing a certain amount of anxiety to the C.B.A. defence, but excellent spelling work by Miss A. Smith, at half back, together with Mrs. White and Miss B. Parsons prevented any score.

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KNILL CUP FINAL. Argonauts beat C.B.A. by four short corners.

C.B.A. reached the final by defeating Recreio 1-0, and D.G.S. by one short corner.

Argonauts accounted for C.B.S. and "Y" Ladies by 1-0.

Early play in the first half was in favour of Argonauts, but Miss E. Woolley broke through to snatch a lucky goal. Argonauts tried hard to equalise, but failed to pierce the C.B.A. defence, where Miss P. Felshow and Mrs. Mackay were prominent.

On resumption, the Portuguese halves were definitely on top, and their forwards were quicker on the ball, and much smarter and more accurate with their passes. Miss Mathias, on the right wing, equalised in a splendid solo effort, and proved to be the outstanding forward throughout. Argonauts mainly owe this victory to the half-line, where Miss N. Silva and Miss R. Xavier not only held the opposition, but launched a sustained bombardment on the C.B.A. citadel, to force four short corners in succession.

This victory was most creditable in that it is the team's first appearance in the Knill Cup and the Brawn Cup League. They are also pretty certain of winning the latter.

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IT was a glorious afternoon, and the Seven-a-side tournament proved a great success. Tribute must be paid to Miss D. Moss, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.H.A. for the excellent work performed.

There was a representative gathering of Clubs, most of the playing members turning up in full force to back their respective teams. In the course of a short speech, Miss Moss thanked the Principal of the C.B.S. for the loan of the ground, and the Umpires for their services. Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Pearce, who presented the cups to the winning teams.

LETTERS

War Pictures

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—In the correspondence columns of your esteemed paper and also in the columns of your morning contemporary, I recently saw considerable discussion as to why so few, if any, British news films were shown in local theaters—the implication being that it was due to American monopoly.

More recently, I saw what I thought was an excellent reproduction of a photograph showing three planes serenely pursuing their course although the air was filled with puffs from anti-aircraft shells.

A couple of days later, someone exposed the photograph as one taken of a demonstration made in 1938 for none other than Adolph himself to show the invincibility of his aircraft, and it was necessary, for you to publish a statement that it was accepted in good faith from the Domei Agency.

On February 12, we were treated to "Official Air Ministry" photographs. According to your captions these did not come from official British sources, through British censorship, via British mail planes, to a British Colony, for publication in British newspapers; but through the same Domei agency.

Is it not possible that these depict the canals on Mars?

Can it be that Hongkong must depend on photographs distributed by a Japanese agency.

YANK.

(Owing to the difficulty of obtaining an adequate supply of British war photographs from official sources, the "Telegraph" has no hesitation in using those supplied by the Domei News Agency which, in the case of the official Air Ministry photographs published last week, were air-mailed from London to Hongkong.-Ed.)

MANY SHIPS TORPEDOED IN U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

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suits," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, when asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had taken adequate measures for the defence of trawlers and fishing boats.

Mr. Churchill added that he hoped that a very great measure of protection would be afforded to men in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but it now appeared that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist murder.

We Don't Murder Men

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Asked whether in view of "the murdering of unarmed seamen by German airmen" he would consider ceasing to send out ships to pick up German airmen when their planes were brought down at sea, Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons to-day, declared, amidst cheers, that the ordinary instincts of humanity which required the rescue from the sea of drowning men or castaways should be observed by His Majesty's ship in the course of their duties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee have postponed formal consideration of the proposals for an embargo on exports to Japan, but Senator Pittman predicted that the embargo resolution would be approved by the Committee during this session.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	330
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24 3/8
T.T. Manila	48 3/4
T.T. Batavia	45 5/8
T.T. Bangkok	150 3/4
T.T. Saigon	108 3/4
T.T. France	10.65
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/0 5/8
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4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	83 3/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95 1/2

TRIBUTE TO TWEEDSMUIR

Funeral Orations At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A striking tribute to the late Lord Tweedsmuir's nobility of character was made by his pastor and friend in conducting the funeral service at the Presbyterian Church this afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Freguson quoted from Lord Tweedsmuir's writing to show his Christian faith and nobility of character.

Deeply impressive scenes were witnessed in the snowcovered streets as the procession passed slowly through densely-packed crowds with bands of foot guards and Air Force playing the "Dead March in Saul."

Pall-bearers were chosen from the Navy, Army, Air Force and Mounted Police.

Nineteen guns were fired in salute as the cortege proceeded from the Church to the railway station, where pipers wailed a lament as the coffin was placed in the train.

The train then left for Montreal where the body will be cremated.

Solemn observances were also held to-day throughout Canada. Lady Tweedsmuir did not attend the Church.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, and the Diplomatic Corps were at the station when the train departed.

Premier's Tribute

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—The Prime Minister of Canada has sent the following message to the Secretary of the Dominions:—"Please accept warmest thanks on behalf of the Canadian Government and people for the telegram in which you record the deep regret of H.M.G. at the passing of Lord Tweedsmuir and the desire to be associated with us in our national sorrow.

"By broad humanity, great gifts, a high conception of office, devotion to duty, unsparing dedication of himself to the service of Canada, wide knowledge of our country and people, Lord Tweedsmuir endeared himself to all classes of Canadians. His passing is regarded as a personal loss in thousands of home in this land.

The telegrams of sympathy which have reached us from all parts of the world bear witness to the affection, regard and admiration which his character and the labours of his life had won for him among men of many races. Everything he did and said brought honour to the country of his birth and the country of his adoption.

His presence amongst them made people proudly happy, and an example such as his will remain as an abiding memory in this land, which he loved so much and served so well."

ROOSEVELT GOES FOR A CRUISE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt left to-day by train for the south. It is understood that he will embark on the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Pensacola, Florida, for a short cruise.

The Tuscaloosa brought members of the crew of the scuttled German ship Columbus to New York recently.

White House officials offered no explanation for the unusual secrecy of the trip but it is thought that President Roosevelt might extend the cruise to the region where the neutrality patrol vessels are keeping a watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

JEWS SENT TO POLAND

BERLIN, Feb. 14. (UP).—It is understood from a reliable source that all Jews in Stettin, numbering between 800 and 900, were rounded up early this morning and transported by railway to an unknown destination, believed to be in a district in Poland.

More Road Deaths In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—Ministry of Transport returns of road deaths in Britain for January show an increase of 134 or some 28 per cent. over the figures for January, 1939. In all, 619 persons lost their lives on the roads of Britain in January, of whom 401 were killed in the hours of darkness.

WORLD WAR SAYS QUO

China Fights On Same Fronts As Allies

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—At the National Liberal Club to-day, 250 were present at a luncheon in honour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the British Ambassador in London.

Speaking on the inter-actions of war in China and Europe, Mr. Quo said: "There is no European war. There is no Asiatic war. There is a world war.

"Whether here, where you have hardly started fighting, or in Asia, where we have already drained our blood and our resources, it is the same war, waged by the same opposing forces.

"So my first desire is to enter a caveat against the thinking which in effect would say 'Get the thing settled in Europe and everything else shall be added unto it.'

"A European settlement, however achieved, settles nothing by itself even for Europeans.

"The Chinese coast means as much to you as the Baltic and the Balkans in every vital interest that you have."

Referring to Mr. R. A. Butler's re-assertion in Parliament on January 31 that Great Britain intends to adhere firmly to the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "Every year since 1922 makes that Treaty's provisions more useful and more indispensable to international order and prosperity, especially to Anglo-American security and prosperity as well as to Chinese welfare."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

The market was a shade quieter this morning but prices are being well maintained.

Buyers.
H.K. Bank $1400 C.D.
Canton Ins. $212 1/2
Fires Ins. $180
Wharves $101 1/2
Providents $4.60
Hotels $5.05
Lands $36 1/4
Realties $4 1/2
Tramways $18.30
Star Ferries $68
Yaumati Ferries $24 3/4
China Lights (old) $7.00
China Lights (new) $4.85
Electrics $57 1/4
Macao Electrics $20
Sandakan Lights $11 1/2
Telephones (old) $25.00
Telephones (new) $9 1/2
Cements $19.15
Dairy Farms (old) $22
Dairy Farms (new) $21.10
Watsons $9.40
Entertainments $7

Sellers.
Docks $22 1/2
Watsons $9.60

Sales.
Union Ins. $470
Wharves $102
Docks $22.35
Lands $36 1/4/36 1/2
Tramways $18.45
Star Ferries $68 1/2
China Lights (old) $6/7.05
China Lights (new) $4.05
Watsons $9.60

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More Battalions To Be Raised

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Orders have been issued for the raising of three more battalions for the Indian Territorial Forces.

Recruiting starts as soon as possible.

Eden Not Going To Ankara

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was reported from Ankara to-day that Mr. Anthony Eden would visit Turkey before returning home from Egypt. This has been officially denied in London.

Pains in Back, Nervous, Rheumatic?

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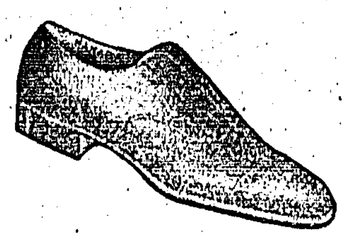

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Dutch Loan Bill Authorised

THE HAGUE, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Second Chamber of Parliament has passed a bill authorising the issue shortly of a semi-compulsory loan of 300,000,000 guilders.

Communists voted against the bill.

British Subjects May Enlist

London, Feb. 14.

The Under Secretary for Home Affairs (Mr. Pooke) announced in the Commons to-day that a general licence would be granted British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces.—*United Press.*

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

HOCKEY INTERPORT CONFIRMED

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knotty Soccer Problem

Sir,—In order to settle an argument could you confirm that with respect to the incident in the South China A.A. vs Saigon match on last Sunday, which resulted in the S.C.A.A. being awarded a free kick at a position nearer to Saigon's goal than the penalty kick mark, should Lee Wai-tong plant himself before the ball, that is in front of Ip Pak-wah, to receive the pass from the latter to convert, would he be penalised for being offside, for he had at that moment only the goal-keeper between him and the goal-line? And that it would have been perfectly right for the Saigon players to "pack" their goal-mouth to prevent a goal from being scored if they elected to, but they did not, which was certainly not the fault of the referee.

A Soccer Enthusiast.

The Rules of Football state that the off-side rule applies to times when a free kick or a penalty kick is being taken.

It was, incidentally, Lai Shiu-wing who took the free kick. As I interpret the Rules, Lee Wai-tong must have been off-side under the conditions stated in the letter. Had the Saigon team packed the goalmouth, as they had every right to do, there would have been no question of off-side, for there would then have been more than one opponent in between Lee and the goal.

It is, however, a difficult problem, and the Hongkong Referees Association or the H.K.F.A. might be able to give a clearer interpretation of the Rules.—Sports Ed.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On **Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February,** the first bell will be rung at **11.30 a.m.**, and the first race will be run at **12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February,** the first bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.** and the first race will be run at **2.00 p.m.**

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

—NO-ONE-WITHOUT-A-BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

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COLONY TO PLAY MACAO ON EASTER SUNDAY

Kumaon Rifles Beat Portuguese Visitors

THE INTERPORT WITH MACAO has been confirmed, and will take place in Hongkong on Easter Sunday, March 24. Those who witnessed Macao in action during the Chinese New Year holidays will probably have seen the last of their two brilliant wingers, F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, who are due to leave the Portuguese Colony in the early part of March to further their aeronautic studies in the United States.

The team will be considerably weakened by their absence, and I doubt whether suitable wingers can be recruited from the junior XI. However, our local selectors would do well not to underestimate the strength of our neighbours, who, without fail, always give of their best in interport games.

It is about time the Colony interport team was nominated, or if there are to be trials, they should be commenced immediately. This would give players a fair chance of getting acquainted with each other's play, as is the case with our interport, it is teamwork that counts.

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THOUGH Macao defeated Recreio 2-0 last Thursday, the following morning on the Club ground the visitors lost 1-0 to the Kumaon Rifles. This was one of the most thrilling games that have been seen at King's Park this season, and a draw would have been a more fitting result.

One dramatic, if fortunate goal, marked the first half, and this proved to be the only goal scored. Forcing their first short corner, after ten minutes of fast exchanges, Kumaon Rifles took the lead through Capt. Loch from the resultant hit. Almada, though unsighted, was beaten by a good shot.

In this half, R. Angelo came very near to equalising when he broke through on his own, but failed at the critical moment. However, the visitors were giving nothing away, and their forwards kept on pressure until the interval arrived, Hira Singh making some brilliant clearances.

The second half was always interesting, but neither side could get the better of two good defences. On two occasions Macao were prevented from scoring—the first when L. Costa was sandwiched in the circle, and the second when A. Airosa was obstructed in attempting a short corner hit. A penalty bully should have been awarded in both cases, but the Kumaons were fortunate in not being penalised at all.

However, the superiority of the Kumaons' attack was much more pronounced. Narain Singh and Sher Singh were the outstanding forwards, with Capt. Loch doing much as he pleased in a quiet way on the extreme right. Hansa Datt, though playing strenuously at centre-half, but not very scientifically, was the best of the intermediates, and Nawal Singh and Kusain Singh, the backs, were thoroughly reliable defenders.

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THE Macao players were probably feeling the effects of their previous game, and the forwards, somehow, could not bring their usual combination into play. In defence they were well supported by J. Nolasco, A. Airosa and R. Rosario.

Though I would give the edge to Kumaons for team work, in fairness to our visitors, the umpiring could have been better.

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IN the final of the Seven-a-side Tournament organised by the H.K.L.H.A. held at the Central British School last Saturday, C.B.A. defeated "Y" Ladies by two short corners, with no goals being scored by either side. The C.B.A. defence which carried them through, played magnificently.

Though "Y" Ladies did most of the attacking in the first half their forwards were outplayed by the brilliant work of Miss A. Smith, at centre-half, and Mrs. M. White, at left back. The former tackled strongly and played a fine distributive game, whilst the latter sighted the ball with remarkable quickness, and her first-time clearances were grandly accomplished.

Miss P. Everest, too, in the latter half came in for a good amount of praise. The forwards, led by Miss I. Woolley, combined well, and although no goals were scored, often threatened the "Y" Ladies' defence. They secured three short corners in succession, and in the nick of time, to win a well earned victory.

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"Y" Ladies were unfortunate in not scoring on at least two occasions. In the first half when Miss D. McCaw broke through on her own, but failed to convert, and in the second half when Mrs. Gardner did likewise. The trio, however, including Miss B. Harker, on the right wing, accomplished good work.

"Y" Ladies' real strength lay in the half-backs, where Mrs. Starbuck barred the way down the middle. Miss M. McCaw also gave a pleasing

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Hockey Council Meeting

A Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this evening at 6 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

K.O.Y.L.I. Cup Polo

ROYAL SCOTS TO MEET H. K. S. R. A. IN FINAL MATCH

THE ROYAL SCOTS and the H.K.S.R.A. entered the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup competition yesterday when in the semi-finals played at Boundary Street they beat the H.K.S.R.A. (A) by 3-2 and the Middlesex by 8-3 respectively.

There was a large crowd of spectators present, including His Excellency the Governor and Brigadier Reeve. The final will probably be played to-morrow at 4 p.m.

HALF MILLION DERBY SWEEP TICKETS SOLD

THE HONGKONG DERBY SWEEPSTAKE this year is going to bring a windfall for some body. The sale of tickets yesterday brought the total to just over half a million.

First prize at the moment will be well over $200,000, but at the present rate of sales there is every possibility that this sum will eventually be above $300,000.

Football

Regional Cup Competition In Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Scottish Football League have decided to conduct a Cup Competition among the 31 Clubs which at present constitute the Regional Leagues commencing on February 24 and ending on May 4.

Matches will be played on the home and away basis, and the winners of each tie will be the scorers of the most goals in these two matches.

Cowdenbeath F.C. have closed down for the duration of the war, and have withdrawn from the Scottish Eastern Section.

Southern Challenge Cup

London, Feb. 14.

Twenty football clubs competing in South A and South B have unanimously decided to promote a Southern Challenge Cup knockout tournament. The Football Association has been asked to extend the season to enable the tournament to be run from May 11 to June 8.—*Reuter.*

Fulham Defeat Brentford

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Fulham defeated Brentford to-day by 5-2 in the South "B" Section of the English Football Leagues.

Early in the first chukker of the Scots-H.K.S.R.A. (A) game, both sides were awarded 60 yard penalties, but neither benefitted from them. The Scots, however, scored first when Lt. Col. McDougall broke away and scored.

The Gunners pressed in the second chukker, but following another penalty against them, Lt. Col. McDougall scored again. Capt. Atkinson (R.A.), having failed in a previous break away on his own, finally reduced the R. Scots' lead.

The Gunners equalised in the third chukker, following sustained pressure on the Scots' goal. The Scots, however, nearly took the lead again when Capt. Burn took the ball the length of the field, and only failed when his shot glanced off his pony's hoof.

The fourth chukker was scoreless, but in the fifth and final chukker McDougall collected a long clearance from Burn, and went through to score the deciding goal.

The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Yeatman, Capt. Atkinson, Capt. Colson and Capt. Duncan.

R. Scots.—Lt. Col. McDougall, Lt. Fargus, Capt. Burn and Major Godley.

Gunners Superior

The H.K.S.R.A. opened their account against the Middlesex almost from the start. From a throw-in, Lt. Smith connected and scored. Capt. Wilson nearly increased the lead when he got through on his own, but his parting shot struck the upright.

Middlesex equalised, against the run of play, in the second chukker. Lt. Chattey raced away and sent the ball strongly between the posts. Just before the end, the same player missed a 60 yard penalty.

The Gunners flashed into true form in the third chukker and piled up six goals without reply. Capt. Wilson converted a 40 yard penalty, and almost immediately after Smith placed them three goals ahead. Smith scored again, and then Wilson contributed two more, the first being a very fine backhand shot from an acute angle. Just before the bell, Smith, too, scored his third goal.

Lt. Chattey was much to the fore for Middlesex in the fourth chukker, and was rewarded with two goals, but Smith added yet another goal for the Gunners before the end.

The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Smith, Capt. Wilson, Major Penfold and Lt. Marshall.

Middlesex.—Lt. Fishbourne, Capt. Chattey, Lt. T. W. Chattey and Lt. Hancock.

COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

A CAVALCADE will be held for members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, commencing from the clubhouse. The route will include the ground covered in last Saturday's paper hunt.

Riders who are not members of the Cottage Club are invited to participate, but are requested to send their mounts to the Club by the appointed time.

Sappers Beat Gunners At Cricket

Fine bowling by Denyer and Shipp, who took five for eight and four for 25 respectively, gave Royal Engineers an easy victory of 131 to 65 runs over a Royal Artillery eleven from Lyemun in a friendly cricket match on the Army ground at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

Except for Lts. Ingram and Plummer and Gnr. Barsby, who reached double figures, the rest of the Gunners fared badly, and the side were all out for 65.

The Sappers opened confidently despite the early loss of Hawkins, who was run out for a "duck", and won with many wickets to spare.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close on **Saturday, 24th February.**

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

A fine action picture of the R. Engineers-R. Scots match in the Army Rugby League at Sookumpoo on Tuesday. The players (l. to r.) are Cpl. Marshall (R. Scots), L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.), Lt. Ridsdale (R.S. with the ball) and Spr. Artingstall (R.E.) Ridsdale was brought down soon after this picture was taken. The R. Engineers won 6-0.

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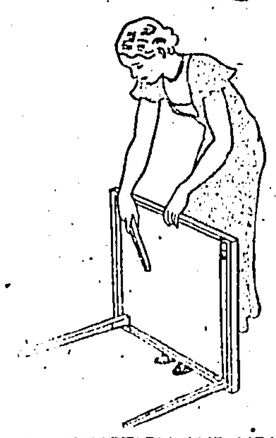
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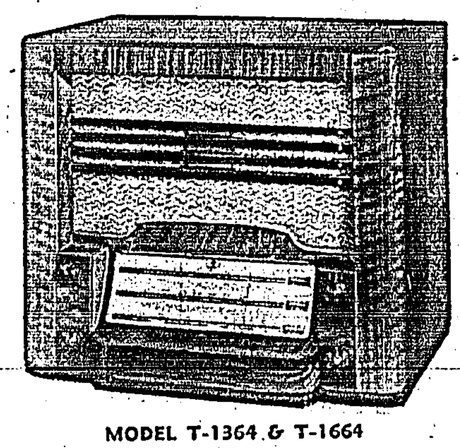
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German Arms King, Exiled By Hitler, Reveals Tragic Secret of His Life

FRITZ THYSSEN GAVE GOLD TO FUEHRER TO AVENGE DEATH OF PRINCESS KILLED BY REDS

LOCARNO.

WHEN FRITZ THYSSEN, "the man who made Hitler," fled to Switzerland he left behind in Germany his coal-mines, his armaments factories, and his millions.

He also left behind a passion which changed the history of the world—his revenge.

Thyssen had made Hitler, and he had made himself Hitler's master.

He had seen in Hitler the neurotic, penniless agitator, a man who could put Germany on her feet would put Germany on her feet—and a man who could put Thyssen on his feet.

A strong Germany would need armaments. A united, powerful and threatening Germany would light up Thyssen's blast furnaces, buy Thyssen's coal, set his factories working day and night to pour out arms—and money into Thyssen's pockets.

It is doubtful whether Hitler himself has ever guessed the real reason why Thyssen was eager to dominate Germany.

Naturally, he was astute enough to see that Thyssen, as head of the German Armaments Trust, lived and worked for the day when Germany would be a great military machine, with himself at the throttle, and Hitler obeying him.

And the reason why Thyssen fled from Germany is just as clear. He saw Hitler leading the country into a war that would certainly be disastrous for Germany and for Thyssen himself.

Why Do You Hate Russia?

But there was more than that in it. Love of money and power alone is not enough to fill all a man's thoughts and aspirations, to keep him on one ambitious road for twenty years.

What set Thyssen on that road? Why did he want to make himself master of Germany? The answer is—a woman. Or rather, the memory of a woman who has long been dead.

To-day Thyssen, a grey-haired man of sixty-five, sits alone behind the high walls of his brother's villa here in Locarno.

It was not many years ago when he sat laughing and talking with Hitler one summer afternoon at the Dictator's retreat at Berchtesgaden.

It was one of those rare occasions when Hitler relaxes. They talked about the past, about women . . . Thyssen fell strangely silent.

Suddenly the conversation changed. Back again, as it invariably must with Hitler, to high politics. Russia was mentioned, and Thyssen became eloquent again.

Always he had been the mainspring of the German hatred of Russia. Always he had poured out his money to finance the anti-Bolshevik campaigns, the ceaseless stream of anti-Red propaganda which Nazi Germany was producing.

"Why," asked Hitler slowly, "why do you hate Russia so much?"

Thyssen leaned back. There was a long silence, and then he answered:

"I will tell you. It's the first time I have mentioned her since. . . ."

And this is the story that Thyssen told him, the story of a personal tragedy which led one man to dominate one nation and threaten the safety of another with all the might at Germany's command. It is a love story.

When Thyssen was a young man, rich, charming, and talented, his father's Rhineland castle was often the gathering place of members of the Kaiser's Court. Not only German aristocrats, but also their Russian friends, noblemen and noblewomen of the Tsarist regime, came there.

It was at a hunting party given by his father in the woods surrounding the beautiful Landberg Schloss that Fritz Thyssen, then thirty years old, caught his first glimpse of the lovely Princess Nadya, daughter of one of Russia's wealthiest and most influential Grand Dukes.

She was only sixteen years old, but had already a woman's beauty, her great, dark brown eyes throwing her bright, fair hair into piquant contrast.

Thyssen, then as now, looked like a man without a heart. That is still his reputation among his business associates. Perhaps that is why they have never guessed his secret. He fell in love with the Princess Nadya that day in the Landsberg woods.

He and the Princess met often after that, and as she grew into womanhood an understanding developed between them. THEY KNEW THAT THEY LOVED EACH OTHER.

FRITZ THYSSEN

When the first Great War broke out it seemed that they would be separated for ever. Germany and Russia were enemies, and Thyssen's factories were turning out the guns and munitions with which the German and Austrian armies strove to blast their way through Poland.

Then came the revolution and the flight of the Russian aristocrats.

'Go To Paris' He Implored Her

Princess Nadya's father was killed, and soldiers and peasants, crazed by vodka, danced the mad dance of red revolution in the burning ruins of her home.

Thyssen strove frantically to get in touch with her, but failed. Months passed without news, and then his spies brought word that she was dead.

It was not true. But it was then that Thyssen began to hate Russia. He swore he would be revenged.

One day near the end of 1918, when the Great War was over, he received a small, unstamped envelope from an agent in Stockholm. When he saw that it was addressed in the Princess's handwriting his heart leaped.

"I am in Finland," she wrote.

Finland until the revolution had been part of Russia, and then had become a separate Republic.

It was from a Finnish village that the Princess Nadya wrote to Thyssen, telling him of her adventures. Thyssen, who had believed that she was dead, tried to go to her, but was prevented by the war that the White Russians were waging against the Bolshevists.

HE POURED HIS MONEY INTO THAT WAR.

He sent letters to the Princess. "Go to Paris," he wrote.

She stayed in Finland. In the neighbouring Republic of Estonia which, like Finland, had once been part of the Tsar's Empire, lived a noble family with whom her father's family at one time had been closely connected. They invited the Princess to visit them.

She was their guest for several weeks, and nearly every day she sent a letter to Thyssen telling him that she was alive and happy. Then the letters ceased.

Letter after letter from Thyssen went unanswered. At last Thyssen made up his mind to find out for himself the reason for this strange silence.

He went by sea from Danzig to Tallinn, in Estonia, and searched until he found the small, unpretentious home of the Princess's fellow exiles. Tearfully they told him the sad story.

One afternoon, they said, the Princess and her maid went for a walk in the woods near Tallinn. In the evening the maid returned alone, and in tears. The only word that her lips would speak was "Ochrana . . . Ochrana."

It was the word that all Russian emigres dreaded. The Ochrana was the dreaded secret police of the Soviet Government. Later the maid was able to tell what had happened that afternoon.

When she and her mistress came to the crossing of two paths in the woods three men stepped out of the undergrowth and stopped them. The maid screamed, but was silenced by a gesture from the Princess.

"What do you want?" said Nadya quietly.

"You, I think," said the leader of the men. He put out his hand, threw back her cloak, and snatched from her breast the jewelled crucifix that she wore on a gold chain. "Yes," he said, "You are the one I want."

"Very well," she said, and to her maid she added, "You may go home."

The maid hesitated. "Clear off," said the leader of the Soviet troop. "We don't want you." She went.

That was the last news Thyssen ever had of the Princess Nadya, except, months later the three words, "She is dead." This time he had to believe them.

Thyssen finished his story. The glasses were empty on the table, and the sun was setting. The cool evening breeze was sweeping away the warmth of the afternoon.

"My hatred for those Soviet murderers will live forever," he told Hitler.

Now Thyssen sits alone in the garden of the Locarno villa.

News of the outside world only reminds him of the wreck of his hopes and ambitions and his present helplessness. And when he reads to-day of Russian guns and aeroplanes fighting in distant Finland, his mind goes back twenty years to that tragedy that was played to its end in those dark forests of the North.

Now it is possible that Fritz Thyssen, even if the Princess Nadya had never come into his life, might have conceived his gigantic plan for the domination of Germany by the armaments group that he controlled.

But seldom in history has there appeared a man who lusted for wealth and power for their own sake. There has had to be a driving force, and a spark to set it off, and nine times out of ten there has been a woman. The Princess Nadya was the woman in Thyssen's life.

His real aim for Germany, as the world's greatest military machine, was victory over all who had stood in his way. And enemy No. 1 was Russia, which had dealt him the most grievous blow he had ever suffered.

BELIEVING THAT HITLER MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID, THYSSEN PROMISED HITLER HIS WHOLE FORTUNE.

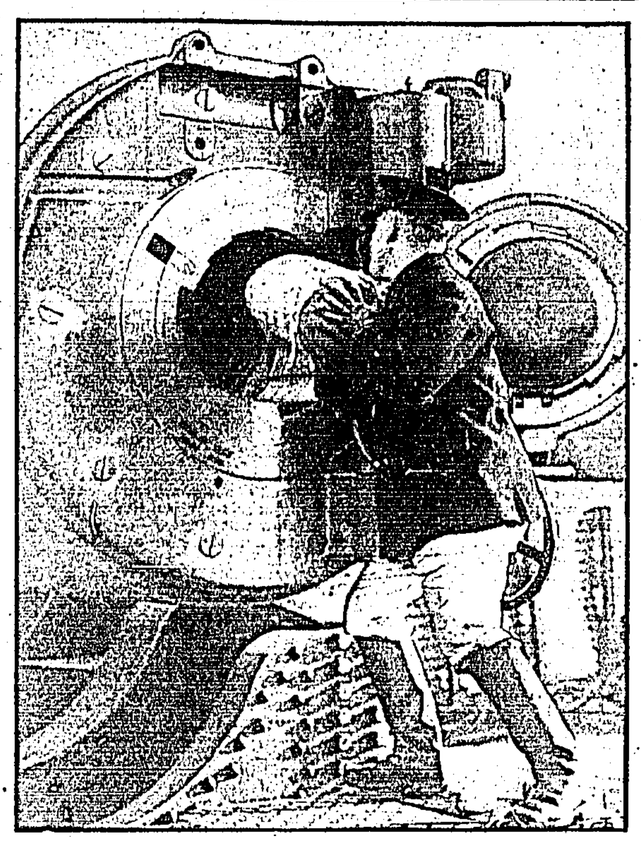
His Glee Was Short-Lived

Hitler, through Thyssen's scheming with von Papen and the old President, von Hindenburg, had been made Chancellor. Although he and the Nazi Party had dropped 2,000,000 votes at the last election, Hitler knew that all he wanted was a good, popular stunt to swing public opinion in his favour. He had already used anti-Semitism as an election cry; now he pointed to Bolshevism as the real enemy.

So was born the most colossal political fraud that has been perpetrated in our time—the Reichstag fire.

Thyssen warmed his hands at the Reichstag fire, and then rubbed them in glee.

He could not foresee the day when Hitler, in the attempt to save himself from disaster, would offer Russia his hand and seek Russia's help.



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Chinese Will Outstrip Japan As A Nation

WASHINGTON.—Dr. Hu Shih, Ambassador from China, is both a scholar and a diplomat.

At the American Historical Association meeting here, he stepped out of his diplomatic role to tell fellow scholars why he believes China will become a successful modern nation before Japan.

Westernisation of China, achieved by a slow, voluntary infusion of democratic ideas, the Ambassador held, is on a more permanent basis than Japan's apparent rapid transformation forced on the people by the warlords at the top.

"From the lipstick to the revolution, from the reform in footwear to the overthrow of the monarchy—all has been voluntary in China," said the Ambassador.

Japan Learns Warfare

Then with a generosity befitting a diplomat, he forecast that this same element of freedom "may some day break down the solid core of ancient habits in Japan as it has in China."

Only in the adoption of Western armaments and methods of warfare has Japan been outstandingly successful, the Ambassador declared. "Japan," he said, "has succeeded in gaining this coveted knowledge where all other non-European nations have failed."

Dr. James Phinney Baxter, President of Williams College, contended that the American Government is unwisely shaping its neutrality policy upon the basis of our popular "likes and upon our moral disapprobation."

Declaring President Wilson's diplomatic victories before the World War permitted European neutrals to "breathe a little easier," Dr. Baxter said the Neutrality Act and the imposition of combat zones had been "little short of disastrous" to neutral Old World nations.

"To many of us," he said, "it seemed unwise for a neutral government to extend its responsibility beyond the requirements of international law."

How About Asia?

In the event of recognition of a state of war in Eastern Asia, he asked, would the United States be as ready to abdicate its rights there as it has been in the European controversy?

A "false historical vision" was described by Prof. Oscar Jaszi, of Oberlin College, as one of the outstanding causes of the present world situation. Urging historians not to rely too much on diplomatic documents as source material for research, Professor Jaszi warned that "diplomatic documents are occasionally composed with the special intention of creating an alibi for blurring responsibilities in advance."

Professor Jaszi charged that a colossal "we-are-not-to-blame" literature already is being built up in the present crisis. "The whole spirit of Hitlerism," he said, "can be found in the German literature 20 years before the advent of the Fuhrer."

The impossibility of writing intelligible history purely on a national basis was brought to the attention of the historians by Prof. Walter L. Dorn, of Ohio State University, during a discussion of cultural patterns in modern European history.

Cultural Patterns

Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes of Columbia University described nationalism as the main thread in the cultural patterns of European states, but Professor Dietrich Gerhard of Washington University maintained it was not nationalism but foreign policy and war that were the chief elements in the integration of European states.

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ANTI-ROME MEASURE

Germans Order Closing Of Catholic Organisations

Vatican City, Feb. 14.

Details of further German measures against Roman Catholics in Germany are given by the Vatican City radio to-day.

It says that Catholic organisations including the Catholic Union of Civil Servants, Catholic University Organisation and Children of Mary have been dissolved and their property confiscated.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

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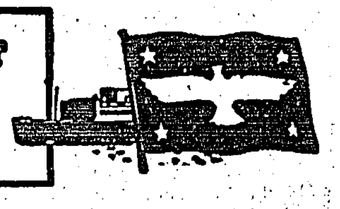

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FOUR-IN-ONE DRESS!

What is the best little dress you ever owned?

Mine is my simple—very simple—black day dress which lets me "play it up" with a gay chiffon scarf, or a large inexpensive, but costly-looking, brooch, or my special, rather barbarous necklace (made, I think, from gilded buttons), to say nothing of the conventional, but always right, string of pearls I affect.

The silhouette has been brought up to date with to-day's waistline and slight flare emphasised.

This is the simple dress which changes little from season to season—the "little dress" we all long for but so seldom find.

I'd like to call this a "Five in One" pattern but it's really a four-in-one dress with a choice of two necklines.

One, the heart-like neckline, is illustrated in the full-figure sketch. The other, the simple round or straight-across-the-throat line, is the grandest neckline for your string of beads or brooch or clip.

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As you see, the frock in the full-figure sketch is the ideal nine-to-six o'clock dress. Add to it the peplum, a sort of frill round the waist (sketch 2), which is simply attached to its belt and hooked on, and you've at once changed it to a slightly dressy afternoon frock.

Then we come to sketch 3. Here you have a plastron, an ornamental front, which entirely covers the heart-shaped or round neck (whichever you make), and gives you an accessory you can play with.

In velvet, in colour contrast, on wool, you'd be using the last word in fabric partnerships.

It's the kind of accessory you like to add when you feel you can live up to it. You know what I mean—a special lunch party a matinee or an afternoon out.

We do want our after-six-o'clock dresses to have that little "something" which day wear lacks. So our designer has given us the bustle back in sketch 4.

In velvet on wool, it would be perfect. For me, I'll have satin-backed romaine, the dull romaine surface for the dress, and the satin side for the plastron and bustle-back accessories.

You can add a costume jewellery necklace and bracelets, if you like, or finish off the neck and sleeve ends quite simply.

This is an accessory dress with a difference—you yourself make your accessories.

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For size thirty-six bust, you can make the foundation frock (that is, the frock without accessories) from 3¾ yards of 36in. material or 2½ yards of 54in. material. Add half a yard of 36 and an eighth of a yard of 54, respectively, for the peplum. The plastron and bustle require 1½ yards of velvet in all.

So you can see how little your dress need cost.

WAIST IT WELL

New Blouse & Jacket Fashions

By MARY GRACE

BLOUSE of striped taffeta ribbon on net foundation. Finished with neat stand-up collar and tailored bow.

FOR special occasions—fuchsia velvet jacket has a flared basque and raised piping edging pretty gathers.

BUTTONED waistcoat style in wine and gold wool with long fitting sleeves.

Raisin and Walnut Loaf

SULTANAS may be used instead of raisins in this recipe for fruit nut bread—a change for tea-time.

Ingredients: 2 cupfuls flour, 1 egg, 1 cupful milk, ½ cupful sugar, 1 saltsp. mace, 2 teasp. baking powder, ½ teasp. salt, ¾ cupful shelled walnuts, ¼ cupful chopped raisins or sultanas.

Beat egg, add sugar and beat again. Sift baking powder, flour, mace and salt together. Add raisins and chopped walnuts. Stir in flour mixture alternately with the milk, to the eggs and sugar. Turn gently into a well-buttered loaf tin, and stand in a warm place for 20 minutes to rise.

Bake in a moderate oven from 1 to 1¼ hours. When ready, cool on a cake rack. Spread slices lightly with butter.

Now a recipe for nutty flapjacks.

Cream 4oz. margarine with 1oz. sugar. Warm two teaspoonfuls of syrup and add to the mixture, then work in 1lb. rolled oats with half-teaspoonful salt. Spread in a shallow greased tin and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. When cold, cut into fingers.

Beauty Tips

Ever notice how much you use your shoulders? When you are cold, they shiver; when you are bored, you shrug them. The shoulders reveal emotion and they highlight character, so they deserve a check-up. If they are held too stiffly, they cramp useful muscles and cause fat pockets to from across the back. If they sag forward, they distort the lines of your frocks and rob you of poise. The proper way to hold your shoulders is the comfortable way. Allow your arms to swing freely from their sockets while you shift your position until you find the most comfortable way to hold them. Then practice keeping them that way! Look to the quality and texture of the skin on your shoulders and back, too.

Germany's "Ersatz" Coffee

It looks like coffee, it tastes like coffee, it smells like coffee, and it has the same stimulating effect but Germany's "ersatz" coffee is not the real thing.

It is a chemical production containing artificial caffeine.

Supplies of this product have already been issued to the forces, and the public will have it next month.

Beauty Notes

IN these hard times, when nerves play such a part in our lives, health is of paramount importance. This wartime atmosphere does not tend to make nervous people less nervous. The best thing is just to feel resigned to the fact that we are in for a rather unpleasant time.

Very few women, however, realise that rest is the best treatment for nerves; it is also an aid to greater health and beauty. Rest, properly taken and in the proper amount, is an essential factor in physical and mental welfare. It is no good driving the body to exercises, when what the nerves and muscles and heart are really crying out for, is rest and an opportunity to recover from labour-induced fatigue.

In this matter as in every other, there is a wrong and a right way. True rest must be complete, but it must not be too prolonged. Complete rest can only be obtained in bed, and it is here, in a limited number of hours, that the sensible woman who is nerve-racked and over-worked should seek it. Let her go to bed early, and with open window, and complete darkness, sleep until Nature awakens her on the following morning.

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Hair round the face is something nobody can stand. The milliner itches to push back your curls; the coiffeur to cut them off, and in no time at all, you are pinning the sides back flat across your ears, without even thinking. The effect is neater, and a great improvement. The line is as if you were standing with your face to the wind. The whole face is exposed, the tip of the ear and along the side of the neck. The waves go softly back, seemingly of their own accord. They may be short at the back or not.

Many women leave a couple of inches which they comb, not in ringlets, but in loose, soft, unbrushed effect—perfect for out-of-doors, no frippery to come undone, no wisps to fall forward; perfect for the time being. And it is also perfect for the new hats, which are still quite high off the head. With a lot of hair flopping around your face, your whole head would seem to be falling down the front of your dress.

You can run your comb through such a coiffure lightly and leave it fluffy, or you can put in a few little curls yourself with a wet comb and a few pins.

Paris Correspondent

Marcy Wescott, leading lady on Broadway, wears a chic hat, worn with an all-black coat, has a matching muff. Leopard disc borot gaily tied with a large bow of beige velvet.

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By LARS MORRIS

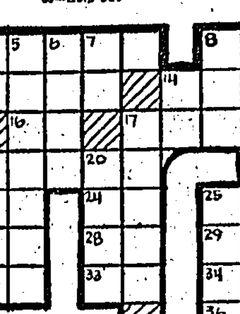
ACROSS

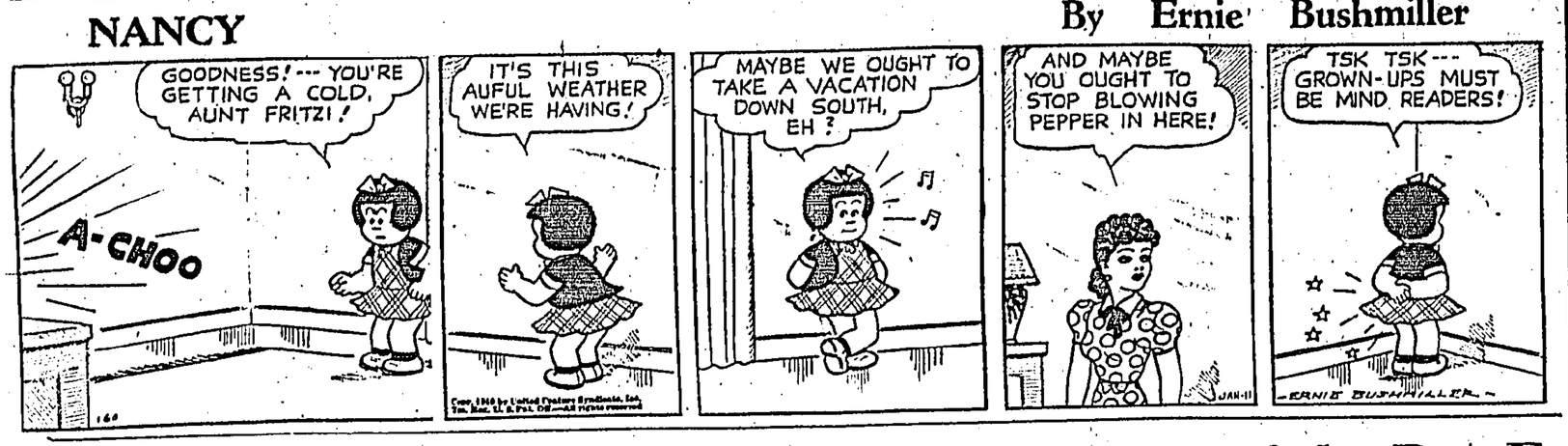
1—Thirteen and six
4—The number of robbers opposed by Ali Baba
13—Instruments of deletion
14—Deletion
15—Contorted
16—Roman coin
17—Long wooden seats
18—Second person
19—Visionary idea
21—Plural suffix
22—For the sake of example
23—New England state (abbr.)
24—Egyptian sun god
25—By reason of
26—Gold
27—Suffix: pertaining to
28—Hesitating exclamation
29—Terbium
30—Royal Navy (abbr.)
31—Red letter (abbr.)
32—Bag (abbr.)
33—On point of
34—Radium
35—Expt. (abbr.)
36—And (French)
37—Indulge in reverie
41—Mag's nickname
43—Exclamation of admiration
44—Officer of the Day (abbr.)
46—Man's name
47—Baby word for father
48—Belonging to me
49—Definite article (abbr.)
50—Or (French)
52—Senior (abbr.)
53—Exist
54—Roman six
56—Impetuous attacks
58—Processions
62—New Year's Eve gatherings
63—Help out

DOWN

1—Nineteen Forty
2—Departing from usual form
3—Negative vote
4—Prefix: out of
5—Ripping
6—Gaelic language
7—Objects shaped like "Z"
8—Obesity
9—System of healing
10—Regret
11—Woody plant
12—Showing subservient approval to actions of superior (col.)
14—Concerning
17—Quick in thought
18—Colorless
20—Open space
25—Long, narrow pennants
30—Make up one's mind
37—Bend downwards
38—Each (abbr.)
39—Item of property
40—Cuba's national hero
41—Girl's name
42—Instrument of illumination
45—Non-Christian believer in God
51—Personification of truth
56—Strontium (abbr.)
57—Prefix: apart
59—River in Livonia
60—Thus
61—Prefix two

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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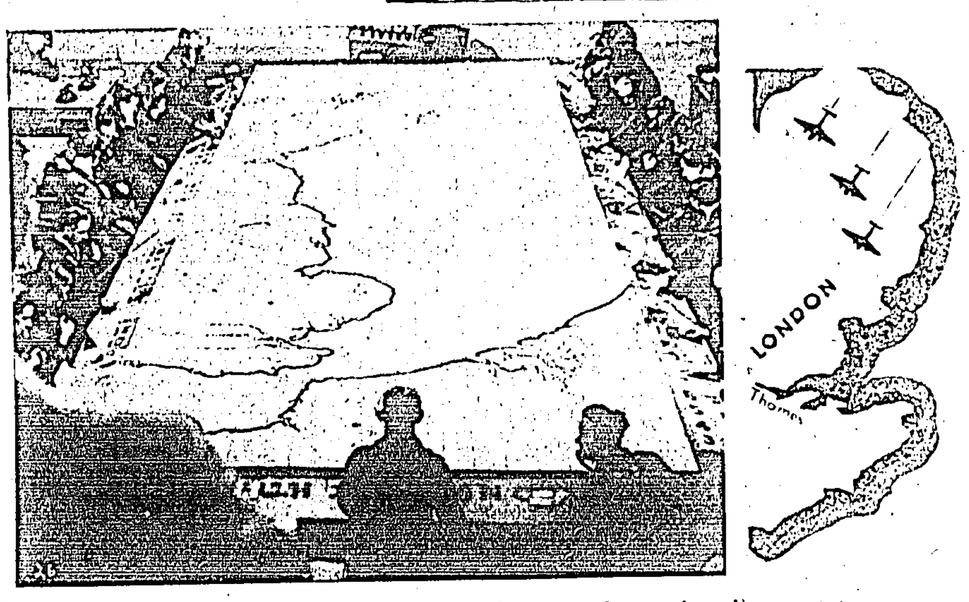

The Central Control Room of the R.A.F. Command, where orders are issued for our fighters to take off.

WITH a fierce roar the Spitfires swooped to the attack, even as the Nazi observer saw their approach and muttered fiercely to his pilot.

The Spitfires dispersed for the attack and suddenly the skies became alive with the noise of battle.

"Crack . . . crack . . . crack . . ." A rain of machine-gun bullets shrieked around the Nazi flotilla. A leaden hell snarled around the planes as, diving and swooping, Bobby and his team stabbed viciously at the invaders.

Like giant, graceful birds the Spitfires screamed through the air, never letting up on their relentless peppering.

The Nazi pilots' lips tightened. This was a warmer reception than they had expected.

With a groan, one of them let go his controls as a bullet bit viciously into his hand. He dragged his glove off with his teeth and glanced ruefully at his hand.

Hastily the navigator began to bind up his pilot's wound, yet they never relaxed their vigilance. They dare not. The Spitfires were rushing into the attack again.

With a miraculous burst of speed Dopey put his plane into a dive. Down it hurtled like an avenging thunderbolt. A rain of bullets found its mark and the Nazi pilot collapsed, choking, over his controls.

Unsteadily the bomber lurched and heeled over, as the navigator grasped the controls and sought to get the plane back to control.

Away swooped Dopey's plane, and into the breach flashed Bobby's ship. "Crack-crack-crack." With a groan the German navigator collapsed and the Nazi bomber fell through the air like a plummet, smoke spewing from its tail.

Flames bursting from the fuselage, the bomber fell into a sickening spin and crashed down, a ball of fiery wreckage. Bobby grinned and flashed his plane round to engage yet another of the attackers.

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AGILE as quicksilver the Spitfires danced round the Nazi bombers. Still that stream of accurate shooting continued.

Bullet-holes appeared on the Nazi Swastika that decorated the plane. Twenty, thirty bullets plunged into it. Suddenly, with a tremendous explosion, the engine burst. The plane's crew hadn't a chance, and one more Nazi bomber dropped, flaming, to the ground.

"Cornflower Red calling Station Control," rapped out Bobby. "Have brought down two bandits. Remainder proceeding East. May I continue action?"

"Cornflower Red" replied Richardson. "Good work, carry on!" He put down the microphone. "Two, not so dusty," he remarked.

Headed due east the Cornflower Red planes set off. They had driven back one attack, but there was still work to be done, harrying the Nazi bombers in their flight.

But another raid had yet to be met.

"B. Flight take off. Raid No. 2," ordered Richardson. The nervous tension of the waiting pilots was shed like an overcoat. They leaped into their waiting planes.

Moving steadily across the dark skies came a new flight of Nazi bombers, and in that instant the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights took up the hunt.

Restlessly the searchlights roved the skies, scouring the blackness for the prey. Into the beam of light flashed a Nazi plane.

"You've got him, Charlie," snapped one of the men on the searchlights. "'Old 'im, 'old 'im, Charlie," he beseeched.

The officer in charge of the A.-A. guns rapped out an order.

"No. 1 Gun—Fire!" The gun snarled and in rapid succession others boomed out. Striving desperately to escape from the relentless searchlight the Nazi bomber dived and twisted, while gunfire burst around his tail.

Again and again the A.-A. gun spoke and then the Nazi bomber burst into flame, lighting the skies around. Down, down, down . . . lurching and falling into a dive from which there would be no return.

The drone of B. Flight could be heard as it rushed towards the Nazis.

"Better warn the A.-A. people before our Fighters cop it from the guns," ordered the Group controller.

The order was flashed by telephone. "Cease fire! Cease fire!"

"They would," cursed an A.-A. gunner to his mate. "Yes," he replied, "the blinkin' R.A.F. swipes all the fun!"

Six Spitfire fighters cut across the sky. Inside a Nazi bomber the pilot saw three of the planes tearing towards him and his eyes narrowed uneasily. From the other side flashed two more Spitfires.

Like the crack of a whip the machine-guns spoke. A hurricane of bullets spat around the Nazi.

One flashed through the cockpit screen and struck the pilot. He clapped his hand to his wound and fell, fainting, from his controls. Out of control, his plane went dizzily into a death-spin, thick smoke belching from its tail. . . .

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RALPH RICHARDSON ran his hands wearily through his hair. "The worst part of our job is waiting," he remarked.

"Yes," replied his clerk. He looked at his watch. "A Flight should be back soon."

Down in the flying field the planes of A. Flight were descending. In the ghostly shrouded blackness of the aerodrome the men of the ground staff got busy.

Re-fuelling, re-stocking with ammunition, hasty repairing of minor damages. All was done with as much speed and efficiency as if it had been broad daylight.

High above one of the pilots of Flight B. was talking into his microphone.

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"They've been up half an hour. They must be getting short of petrol," said someone.

Richardson picked up his microphone. "Cornflower Blue. Cornflower Blue. Discontinue action and return."

As he replaced his mike he turned to find Bobby at his elbow. "Any luck?" he inquired.

"No more, sir. The guns ran out," replied Bobby.

"You did very well. Get your craft available and rest."

"They're working on them now, sir. We'll be ready in twenty minutes time." He paused, "You'll send up my flight again, sir?"

"I said rest!" snapped Richardson. Bobby seemed reluctant to leave. "Very well, sir," he said, with a reluctant grimace.

"Cheeky young devil," murmured Richardson as he strode out. But he said it with a half-grin.

Richardson turned to his work. The Nazis were on the run that night, but danger was not yet over, by any means. The station dare not relax.

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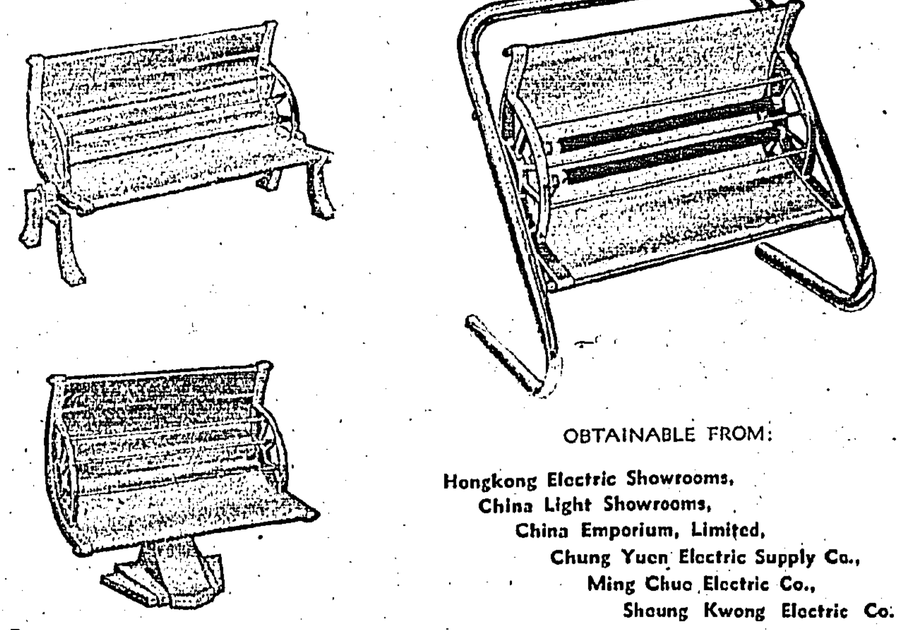

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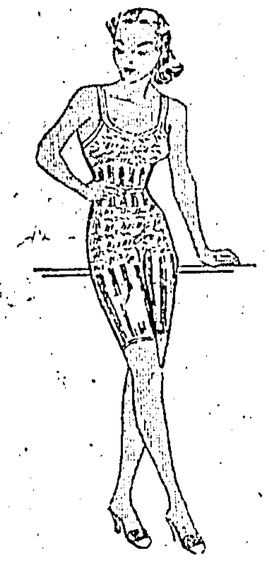

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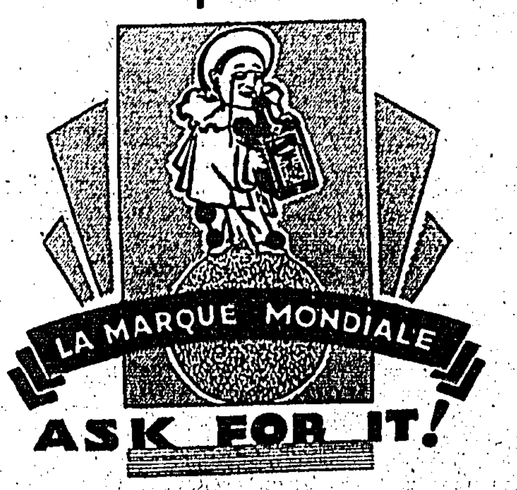

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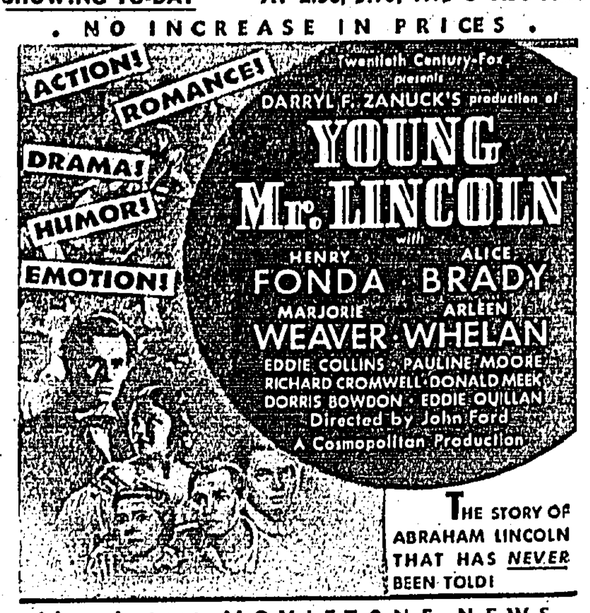

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Prince Bernhard having a sandwich lunch with his adjutant during a tour of inspection of Dutch Army manœuvres.

Allies Are Taking No Risks

Editor's Note: While the "West Front," that sector of the French-German frontier between the Moselle and Rhine, is most publicised because all of the activity has centred there since hostilities started, there are other frontiers where the Allied forces are holding strategic defence positions. In the following dispatch Ralph Heinzen, United Press correspondent, describes the military situation on the snowbound French-Swiss and French-Italian Alpine frontiers

By RALPH HEINZEN
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, (UP-By Air Express). —From the southern extremity of the Maginot Line opposite the gap of Belford to the Mediterranean stretches the quiet, 300-mile long "white front."

In snows high in the Juras and the Alps where the frontiers are drawn across glaciers and inaccessible rocks, the French army is stretched along the borders of two neighbouring neutrals—Switzerland and Italy.

Snowbound Army

Snowbound at an altitude well over 6,000-feet this army has not fired a shot but its mission is vital because it protects France against a surprise thrust if Hitler ever attempts to turn one end of the Maginot Line by passing through a neutral corridor. French patrols on skis keep a border watch which in many respects resembles conditions in Finland where ski corps also are playing a major role. Like the Finns, these French troops wear white smocks which make them almost invisible in the snow.

These hundreds of thousands of French troops are snowed in for the winter and are cut off from bases in the lower valleys. Snow and ice which fill the Jura and Alpine passes, however, are no barrier to invasion.

Historical Precedents

There are historical precedents because Napoleon, in one of his first operations, took his whole army across the Alps and dragged his cannon through Saint Bernard Pass to fall on the unsuspecting Italians in the Lombardy and Piedmont plains. And centuries earlier, Hannibal and his Carthagenians—216 B.C.—crossed the Alps by the Mount Genevre Passes with elephant cavalry and battled the Romans in the lowland. Hannibal had half of his African soldiers frozen to death in the Alps but Napoleon proved that a modern army could cross those high mountains without enormous losses although called upon to support intense suffering.

Sportsman's Paradise

Even for those troops holding the "white front" it is no sinecure. Those Alpine slopes are normally a winter sportsman's paradise but night patrols in biting frost are a fierce test of human endurance.

The Alps are held from the French side by permanent fortresses of new concrete casements, and every position commanding the passes and valleys is held with automatic arms. The French general staff feels that no enemy invader could pass.

Three years ago work was begun in the blockhouses which, now combined with natural obstacles, appear to make this frontier impregnable. Every dominating position holds observation posts and secret air defences are elaborate.

Friendly Relations

The troops enjoy correct and friendly relations with the Swiss and Italian mountain battalions mounting guard on their sides of the frontier.

Strategically, the Jura mountain defences are even more important than those of the Alps. The Juras cover an area between the Alps and the Vosges and are directly north of Lake Geneva. They are lower and their rounded higher heights are not comparable to the jagged rocks of the Alps but the Juras are the "stopper for the Basle corridor bottleneck.

Long before the war when the Maginot Line war finished as far as southern Alsace, the French general staff began fortifying the torrents and towering gorges which comprise the Jura Chain. To-day those fortifications are completely invisible, camouflaged among the natural cover of pine forests or sunk into rocks.

For centuries the French-Swiss treaties had forbidden any fortification of their mutual boundaries but the Swiss finally realised that they, like Belgium in 1914, were too tempting in the corridor, so, with Swiss consent, the French began fortifying the Juras three years ago and the last concrete was poured only a few days before this winter's first snow fell.

AMERICANS ON WEST FRONT

PARIS, (UP). — American youths will once again hear the shrill whine of German shells, although the United States today is no more a belligerent than she was in 1914.

The youths will be members of the American Field Service Corps, volunteer ambulance drivers similar to the ones who carried more than 500,000 wounded soldiers for the French army during the last war before America became a belligerent.

Ambassador William Bullitt has accepted the post of honorary president of the committee in America which is now being formed. The committee, with sub-centres in all large cities in the United States, has obtained a licence from the State Department and will begin to solicit funds soon.

Sign Contract

The State Department, committee heads said, has promised to extend all facilities in issuing passports to men recommended by the committee. Men will sign a six-month contract with the committee. They will not be attached officially to the French army but will be under orders given by Americans.

Ambulance sections sent to the front will be composed of 32 ambulances, of which two, including a staff car and truck with kitchen trailer, will be held in reserve. Thirty Americans will form the personnel of each section.

In army zones, the volunteers will be subject to control by the military authorities as are all civilians of French and foreign nationality. The first unit is not expected to go to the front for two or three months.

New Organisation

The American hospital at Neuilly previously had indicated it would form its own ambulance corps, but with the organization of the American field service, wounded will be transported to the hospital from the front by the new organization.

When the United States entered the last war, the field service had over 30 sections in operation. Fifteen truck sections for transporting munitions had been organized after America became a belligerent, and these, as well as the ambulance sections, were incorporated in the American Expeditionary Force.

There were 3,000 volunteers from all states of the union and from more than 100 universities and colleges. They served with 66 French divisions and carried more than 500,000 wounded and over 6,000,000 shells.

Centralise U.S. Aid

After the war, the field service continued to maintain contact with the trustees in America, who sent relief funds to France. They also contributed to the Franco-American museum at Belancourt, which was dedicated by an American delegation in September, 1938.

The service will probably now absorb and centralise all American medical units presently being organized, including the Iroquois Ambulance corps and the former American Legion corps.

Another American committee has been formed to collect books with which to form circulating libraries for the use of French soldiers at the front. Books have already been forwarded, especially to the Salvation Army's "Foyer du Soldat" at Nancy.

A "Committee of Young Americans of Southwest France and the Basque Coast" is also seeking funds with which to purchase four ambulances for the French army medical service.

HE DROVE HIS OLD BUS

LONDON.—In civil life, Driver W. A. Wood, now serving in France with the R.A.S.C., drove a van for a Chippenham laundry.

When war broke out, he was mobilised as a member of the Supplementary Reserve.

Soon he was driving camouflaged lorries from a disembarkation port in France to the Army in the field.

In a letter home to his sister, he said there "seemed to be something very familiar" about one of the lorries.

There was—for when he examined it, he found it was one he had driven before. The Army had commandeered it from the laundry.

Preference System Introduced

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With the view to expediting production and delivery of cotton goods to meet Government requirements and export orders, a system of preference directions will be brought into operation under the control of the cotton industry.

The order will be issued to-day empowering the Minister of Supply to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry to give preference to the production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments or for other approved purpose despite obligations to which they may be subject under contracts for which no directions have been issued, for example, orders for home trade.

LATE NEWS

Bachelor Peer Loses Leg

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Earl Peel, who is one of the wealthiest bachelor peers, recently had to have his right foot amputated as a result of an accident while he was shooting over a friend's Hampshire estate. He is reported to be making good progress.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. VESSELS

Dutch Liner First Victim Of Latest U-Boat Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, FEB. 14 (UP).—HITLER'S ORDERS TO ADMIRAL RAEDER TO COMMENCE UNRESTRICTED WARFARE ON ALL NEUTRAL VESSELS SUBMITTING TO THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL WILL APPLY, THEORETICALLY, TO SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

Under U.S. neutrality legislation, American ships are not permitted to touch at any European ports except those in the Mediterranean.

But even if they submit to contraband control at Gibraltar whilst en route to or from Mediterranean ports, German submarines will have the theoretical right, under the new "sink on sight" decision, to torpedo them. In effect, Germany has decided that all ships submitting to Allied contraband control will be treated as having lost neutral status.

Whether U-Boat commanders will actually torpedo American or Japanese ships will, the same quarters state, "depend on circumstances."

Washington Silent

State Department officials in Washington decline to comment on the German claim that she has the right to sink American liners.

Diplomatic quarters in the U.S. capital believe that the statement has been issued in an attempt to minimise the importance of the torpedoing of the Netherlands liner Bergerdijk, which was sunk in the English Channel.

Britain Blamed

A later message from Berlin states that Germany charges that British warships, without "any rights or justification whatsoever, are compelling neutral ships to enter British harbour and are searching them on the High Sea thereby creating a new British right to themselves."

"Britain alone is solely responsible for any damage neutral ships may suffer as a result of German attacks while en route to British harbour," the statement adds.

U.S. Not Concerned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Government quarters state that U-boats could legally sink an American ship forced into a British Control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded 50 per cent. of contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by the Berlin spokesman defending the sinking of the Dutch vessel and saying that American ships holding the same status would be fair victims.

Hitler's New Orders

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—New instructions that mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching here from Berlin.

The Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, which was sunk on February 12, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures.

The "Telegraaf's" Berlin correspondent, reporting what he was told at the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship is homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

The correspondent believes that the commander of the submarine which sank the Bergerdijk could not have acted on his own responsibility since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German Navy. Hence he must have been acting on instructions

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U.S. WILL HOLD BOTH POWERS RESPONSIBLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (UP).—It is indicated here that if Germany torpedoes American ships which are forced into belligerent waters by the British blockade, the United States will hold both countries responsible.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, hurriedly conferred with the British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, this morning, following the German warning that she retained the theoretical right to sink any American ships consenting to the British contraband control.

"The German statement is a violent, illegal, threat," said Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He added that Great Britain could remove the "very grave danger" by refraining from forcing U.S. ships to enter belligerent waters.

More Ships Torpedoed In U-Boat Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UP).—British and neutral shipping alike suffered to-day from Germany's latest campaign of frightfulness on the High Seas.

The largest victim was the 12,300-ton Blue Star Line's steamer Sultan Star, which has been torpedoed 200 miles south of the Irish coast.

AN S.O.S. signal from the Sultan Star, one of the largest merchant ships thus far sunk in the war, states that she was torpedoed shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The last wireless message was transmitted at 11.42 a.m.

It announced simply: "Crew now leaving ship."

The Sultan Star, which was launched at the Cammell Laird yards in 1930, was the largest freighter in the Blue Star fleet.

Tankers Destroyed

Almost simultaneously with the sinking of the Sultan Star came news of the loss of the British tanker Cretafield, of 10,191-tons, which was either mined or torpedoed off the north-east coast of Scotland.

Only 28 of the crew of 41 were saved. Eighteen of the survivors have been sent to hospital with minor injuries.

The tanker British Triumph (6,800-tons) sank after hitting a mine. Five of her crew of 42 are missing.

Among the neutral victims is the 5,200-ton Danish motor-vessel Chastine Maersk, well-known on the Far Eastern run. She was torpedoed by a German U-Boat in the North Sea, and was afterwards shelled until she sank.

The crew of thirty men were rescued.

Twice Torpedoed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Five men are believed to be missing from the British Triumph, a London tanker

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MORE NAZI SHIPS OUT

Attempts To Run The Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With 6,000 tons of coffee, lard, cotton and grain aboard, the German freighter, Uruguay, 5,846 tons, of the Hamburg-South America Line, slipped out of Pernambuco to-day.

She was the last of ten German vessels lying there to sail.

At the same time, the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons, the Norddeutscher Lloyd freighter, sailed from the Amazon delta, but is reported to have stopped later at Gaivota Island some 75 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Coruna, a Hamburg-South America Line vessel of 7,000 tons, an oil-burning passenger ship, are still unknown.

Harwood At Rio

Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, in a statement to the Press, emphasised that H.M.S. Hawkins was not involved in any incidents with German ships, thus ruling out the possi-

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MUSSOLINI CALLS UP 200,000 MEN AS TENSION CONTINUES IN BALKANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 14 (UP).—Italy has called up the 1919 and 1920 classes for regular military service.

Service is obligatory for all able-bodied men five feet or over in height.

Diplomatic quarters acquainted with Italo-Hungarian relations consider that the reported presence of a Hungarian military mission in Italy indicates an impending Italo-Hungarian union with King Victor Emanuel as Emperor of Hungary, in similar fashion to the Italo-Albanian union.

It is understood that the Hungarian mission consists of General Staff technicians and its presence represents the first step towards a union.

Well-informed circles in Budapest are frankly amused by these reports, and point out that the rumours of an anschluss have been circulating in Hungary for over a week.

Such a union is regarded in Budapest as being extremely improbable at the present moment, especially in view of the fact that Italo-Hungarian relations, far from improving, have worsened as a result of Hungary's hostile attitude towards Rumania.

Indications of continued tension between Hungary and Rumania appeared with publication of an inspired attack on Rumania in the Hungarian Government's official organ, the "Pesterlloyd", in this morning's issue.

The article accused the Rumanian police of arresting and torturing 30 Hungarian youths resident in the Temiscara district of Transylvania. The article was published under large headlines, and alleges that the Rumanian police raided a Hungarian residence on the pretext that an active illegal organisation existed. All

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Superhuman Defence By Finns As Reds Dent Lines

By RALPH FORTE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH FORCES ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, Feb. 14 (UP.)—The Russians, after 13 days of intense battering which had no precedent since 1918, have succeeded in denting the Finnish lines east of Summa, where they have captured several fortified positions.

Finnish G.H.Q. claims, however, that the strategical situation is not affected by these advances.

The actual Mannerheim Line is not endangered, and its big guns are not heavily shelling the positions gained by the Russians in an effort to prevent them from consolidating their gains.

Elsewhere, all Russian attacks have been repulsed.

No Man's Land is a desolate, shell-pocked waste of Russian corpses and tanks. Thousands of dead bodies lie between the Finnish and Russian trenches.

"As You Were"

Apart from the 13½ miles of front before Summa, where the Russian offensive has been most intense, the situation elsewhere in Finland is "as you were."

The Russians have made no further attempts to advance north of Lake Ladoga since their disastrous defeat last week.

Finnish batteries on Kolvisto Island shelled Russian troops who were attempting to advance along the ice on the Gulf of Finland.

Air raids on the entire countryside continue and several hundred planes visited various districts throughout to-day. Eighteen were shot down.

More Men Called Up

As a result of the admittedly heavy pressure on the Summa front, Finland has decided to call up the 1907 class on February 20. Posters announcing mobilisation were posted up to-day.

Religious Fervour

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—At the opening of the third week of the Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line, the Finns are fighting with something like religious fervour, which seems to be lending them strength beyond the ordinary powers of endurance.

A Finnish officer who has returned from the front says that the army has undergone a striking change of spirit since the beginning of the war. The heavier the fighting the greater the unity.

Attempts by the Russians to advance over ice towards the flanks

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JAPAN'S TERMS WITH WANG

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (Domei).—The terms agreed to between Japan and Wang Ching-wei were explained in the House of Peers this morning by the Government.

A secret session of the House was called in order to hear the basic terms for an adjustment of relations between Japan and the Wang regime.

Japanese Life At Stake

Deterioration In Economic Conditions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, (Reuter).—According to information reaching government circles here, Japan's economic future is being more and more threatened—especially by labour shortage, rise in the cost of living and the possibility of inflation.

The termination of the American-Japanese Trade Treaty and the threat of embargo are causing added dislocation.

The Japanese are said to be ordering heavy purchases of ore, tin, copper, etc. in view of a possible embargo soon.

Various currency measures have been suggested, one being that cheques should be used instead of cash.

The proposal for a government lottery has, it is understood, been rejected by the Cabinet.

OFFENSIVE WEAKENING

Breathing Space As Reds Mass Again?

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINKFORS, Feb. 14, (UP).—There is every indication that the great Russian offensive, which entered its third week today, is weakening.

According to official Finnish figures, the Russian losses have been on a prodigious scale.

They have lost 40,000 men on the Summa sector alone.

Three hundred tanks have been destroyed and dozens of planes have been brought down behind the Finnish lines.

During the fourteen days of the offensive, the Russians have expended something like one and a half million artillery shells in their attempt to smash the Finnish defences.

The official communique admits that some fortified positions on the outer fringes of the Mannerheim Line were captured by the Reds, but many of these have been recaptured in hand grenade charges.

The slight slackening of the Russian effort may mean only the

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LATEST

DIGGERS WANT THE REAL THING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Australian troops began training in earnest yesterday. The C. O. told "Reuter": "Although the men have had only three months service I am confidently prepared to lead them over the top now. They came to Europe to fight and the tougher the fight the better. They don't want to go to France where they'd be cooped up in fortresses. What they want is hand-to-hand scrapping."

See Back Page For Further Late News.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY SIGN MILITARY PACT?

LONDON, Feb. 15, (Reuter).—It is reported here that a Nazi-Soviet military agreement has been signed and will become effective if the war spreads to the Balkans, Near East or Scandinavia.

Reports of a military agreement are not confirmed in Berlin, where some quarters suggest that the rumours were "prepared in London to frighten."

"HITLER" IN ENGLAND FOR A SPOT OF LEAVE

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Hitler is now on shore leave in England. No, it is not Der Fuehrer but a cat from H.M.S. Repulse.

The Repulse, which has been sunk time and time again by Goebbels but is otherwise unharmed, is now in dock so that she can get a refit and her men can get shore leave.

Half of the crew returned from shore leave to-day and the other half are now enjoying their holiday.

With them went one of the ship's two cats, born on her last trip to sea. He is called Hitler.

A reporter who went on board H.M.S. Repulse reports that she "is quite safe and sound" despite Goebbels.

An officer told him that although the ship had no heroic sagas to sing she had put in 130 days' steaming before returning to the base.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd February. .... Feb. 15.
Canton .... Feb. 15.
Shanghai .... Feb. 15.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 9th February .... Feb. 16.
Haiphong .... Feb. 17.
Japan and Shanghai .... Feb. 17.
Saigon .... Feb. 17.
Shanghai .... Feb. 17.
Canton .... Feb. 18.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon .... Feb. 18.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 8th Dec. 1939). .... Feb. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy .... Feb. 18.
Haiphong .... Feb. 19.
Japan .... Feb. 19.
Shanghai .... Feb. 19.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th February. .... Feb. 20.
Japan .... Feb. 20.
Straits .... Feb. 20.
Straits and Manila .... Feb. 20.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 14th February. .... Feb. 21.
Calcutta and Straits .... Feb. 21.
Java and Manila .... Feb. 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Feb. 15
Amoy and Shanghai .... 7 p.m.
Bangkok .... 7.00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16
Amoy .... 8.30 a.m.
Tourane .... 8.30 a.m.
Japan .... 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th February.
K.P.O.
Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—Due San Francisco, 23rd. February
K.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 17, 7.30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ... Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ... Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18
Amoy .... 9.00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 19
Canton .... 7.15 a.m.
Dairen .... 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong .... 1. p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow .... 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) .... 2.30 p.m.
Canton .... 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
Shanghai .... 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong .... 2 p.m.
Shanghai .... 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .... Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. .... Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Japan .... 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels .... 11.00 a.m.
Ord. .... Noon.
Shanghai .... 2.30 p.m.
Swatow .... 2.30 p.m.
Straits .... 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 29th February.
K. P. O.
Reg., ... Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ... Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 21, 7.00 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

British Press Comments

HITLER'S USE OF HIS VICTIMS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A variety of topics were discussed by British newspapers to-day.

Commenting on Hitler's use of his victims of conquest, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that a year ago, M. Coulondre, French Ambassador to Germany at the time when Hitler was taking over Czecho-Slovakia, was asked what was the real significance of this move.

In a letter written on March 19, 1939, he suggested that Hitler wanted to have at his disposal during the time of war a great reserve of labour and power and that supply from Czecho-Slovakia would help to fill up war gaps.

This prophecy, says the "Manchester Guardian", has come true, as not only has Hitler got the Czechs but also the Poles.

Hitler's Coolies

These labourers are called Hitler's coolies—the description is an apt one.

A new decree gives these labourers under Nazi control, who are not Germans, a special wage rate substantially below that of the German rate.

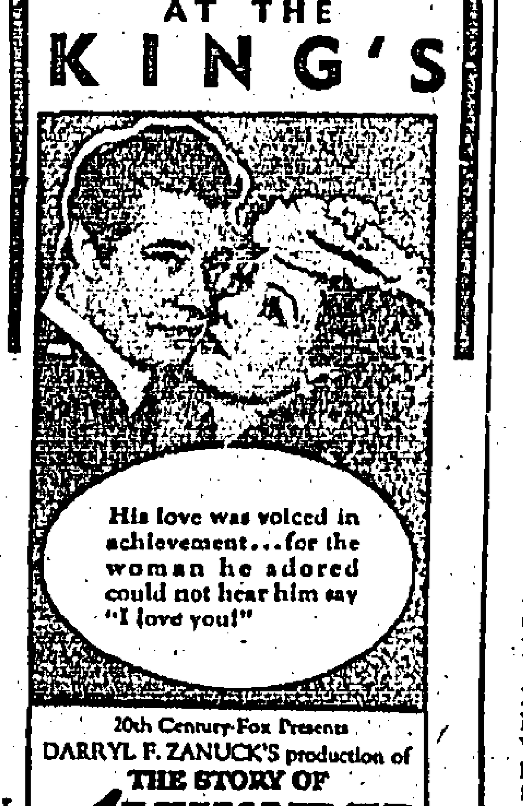
This is how Hitler proposes to recognise Europe, the paper concludes.

The German Method

The "Times" comments on German terrorism which it says aims at eliminating the bravest, the most distinguished, the most learned and the most able of inhabitants which come under Hitler's control.

The "News Chronicle" discusses the curious result of evacuation of children from danger areas. If the evacuation has given the town children a taste of, if not for, the country, it has improved health and brought town and country children together.

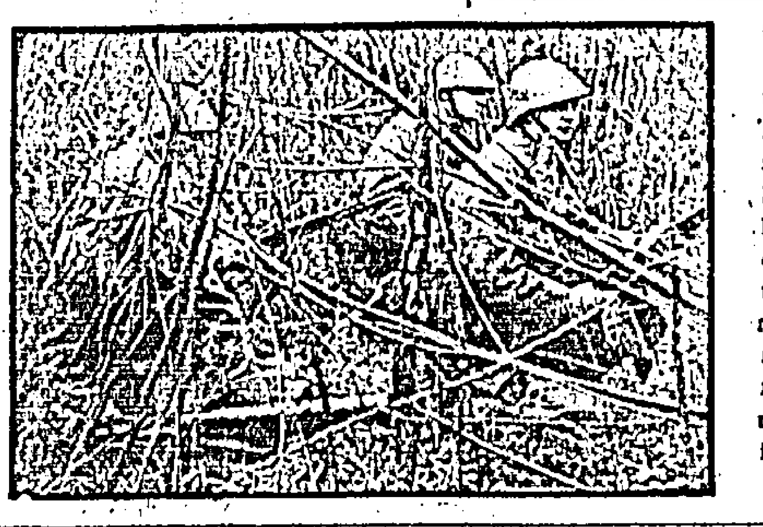
But there is another result of more questionable value—the impact of dialects, for instance, the impact resulting from the meeting of a Cockney boy and a West Country



NEUTRALITY IN WARTIME

THESE three pictures are from neutral countries, yet all show that they are concentrating their thoughts on warlike subjects. The above picture is of Swedish soldiers moving up light artillery in deep snow. These troops are trained specially to endure the hardships of a northern winter.

Here is King Carol with his son Prince Michael at an inspection of new headquarters of the Rumanian Military Academy. Rumania's army, the King decently declared, is prepared to defend the national frontiers to the last drop of its blood. And Rumania, like Sweden, sees Russia as a possible enemy.



THESE Dutch troops on manœuvres show how Holland also is looking to her defences. In this picture is a machine-gun nest hidden in reeds and undergrowth in the Dutch lowlands.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 13/16
Demand do.	1/2 13/16
T.T. Shanghai	330
T.T. Singapore	52½
T.T. Japan	103¼
T.T. India	82¼
T.T. U.S.A.	24⅜
T.T. Manila	48¾
T.T. Batavia	45⅝
T.T. Bangkok	150¼
T.T. Saigon	108¼
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	107¼
T.T. Australia	1/6⅜

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3⅛
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3¼
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25⅛
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	83⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95½

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $ (c.d.)	1,400 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£ x.d. 85 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£ x.d. 87 n.
Chartered £	9 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	31 n.
Mercantile, C. £	12⅛ n
East Asia $	78 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	212½ b.
Union $	470 n.
China Underwriter $	1 s.
H.K. Fire $	180 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	100 b.
Steamboats $	10½ n.
Indo-Chinas P$	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	73/1½ n.
Waterboats $	7½ n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	102 sa.
Docks $	23.35 b. sa.
Providents $	4.60 b.
New Eng. Sh.	29¾ n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $ (x.d.)	335 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18/- n.
Raubs $	10 n.
Venz. Gold $	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3½ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	5.65 b.
Lands $	37 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	17½ n.
Humphreys $	8¾ n.
H.K. Realties $	4½ n.
Chinese Estates $	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	18.30 b.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	68½ sa.
Y. Ferries $	24¾ b.
China Lights (old) $	7.90 b.
China Lights (new) $	4.95 sa.
H.K. Electrics $	57½ sa.
Macao Electrics $	20 b.
Sandakan Lights $	11½ b.
Telephones (old) $	25.90 n.
Telephones (new) $	9½ b.
Tractions s/-	19/6 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19/9 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14.90 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	12 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	19¼ s.
H.K. Ropes $	5¾ b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old) $	22 b.
Dairy Farms (new) $	21.10 b.
Watsons $	9.60 s.
Lane, Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n
Wing On (H.K.) $	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	36 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	179 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $	44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½ n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments $	7.10 b.
Constructions (old) $	1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8¾ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	50% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100½ sa.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	95¾ n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/s.	15/3 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

R.A.F. Has Its Tail Up, Says Air Chief

BOMBERS RIDDLED BY 8-GUN FIGHTERS

By RONALD WALKER
News Chronicle Correspondent with the R.A.F.

FRANCE.

"THERE is no doubt about it. Whenever a Hurricane or a Spitfire gets in touch with the Bosche the enemy machine is shot so full of holes that it resembles a colander."

That statement was made by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, during his first tour of inspection of the R.A.F. in France.

He was standing in a village which is now headquarters of one of the British bomber squadrons and closely inspecting billets of the airmen and making a detailed examination of the menus prepared for the week.

Full Of Confidence

"The British 8-gun fighters have fully come up to expectations," he continued. "And the fighter pilots have learned valuable lessons from their successful attacks on the enemy.

"The R.A.F. have got their tails right up. There are few things they would like better than to have a crack at the enemy. The Air Force is in great heart and is facing the future full of confidence. People at home can rely on them working to the highest traditions earned in the last war."

Sir Cyril Newall said the R.A.F. was grateful to the French military authorities for the assistance they had received and to the French people for the way in which they had received British airmen into their villages and houses.

Tribute To Men

Already many of the men had made considerable progress in learning the language. One of them had progressed so much that he thought that a *coup de grace* was a lawnmower.

During this tour the Chief of Air Staff has been assured that the maintenance of aircraft in the field is not so difficult as was expected.

Back in England in peace-time aeroplanes are tucked up at night in cosy hangars. Here they stay out in the open, constantly exposed to the wind and rain.

Nevertheless, the ground maintenance crews, who have to keep the fighters and bombers in tip-top order, have a tough job, and Sir Cyril Newall paid a tribute to their work.

PILOT ESCAPES

BRUSSELS.

A 21-year-old R.A.F. pilot named R. Kennedy, who was interned when he made a forced landing at Esch (Luxemburg) has escaped into France.

Kennedy informed the colonel of the Luxemburg Barracks that he could no longer consider himself to be on parole.

He was forbidden to walk in the city in civilian clothes, and was shadowed by an Army officer.

Later he suggested a walk on the ramparts. The officer agreed.

Suddenly, Kennedy shook hands, said good-bye, and jumped 15ft. below into the darkness.

Shipping Line Has No Ships Left in Fleet

MONTREAL.—The steamship line without ships and without a country is maintaining its Canadian offices, convinced that better times are ahead.

These are trying days for the Gdynia-America Line. It's impossible to live up to the Company's slogan of "the only direct line to Poland," since the German-Russian invasion

It's impossible, too, to maintain the "regular sailings to Baltic ports" advertised on the office windows, now that the Pilsudski, flagship of the company, has been torpedoed, and the other ships of the line taken over for Allied war service.

But the same spirit that keeps the Polish Government functioning on French soil is evident among the officials of the Gdynia-America line. Its business is at a standstill, it is forced to move to less pretentious quarters—but skeleton staffs are kept at work. The company is carrying on.

Legal Profession Pays Tribute To Mr. Hodgson

Members of both branches of the legal profession gathered in large numbers at the Full Court this morning to pay tribute to one of their colleagues, Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, who passed away yesterday.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, who sat with Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, said: Before dealing with the ordinary business of the day, it is only fitting that I should say a few words about the sudden death of Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, to whom so many of us paid our last tributes and respects at his funeral yesterday evening. We all know Mr. Hodgson: know him and well, and there is not one of us here, I am sure, who does not love and respect him. He served a long apprenticeship with the law—for 35 years, 33 of which he spent in this Colony, in private practice, as Acting Crown Solicitor and as legal adviser to a large corporation.

He was a man of unscrupulous honour, a man of the most lovable quality: one whose loss we all feel and feel deeply in many days to come. I know it is the wish of everyone of us that I should publicly express from this Bench, on behalf of my brother Judges and myself, how greatly we mourn his passing and in what full measure our sympathy goes out to his widow, who is now on the way to this Colony.

A.G.'s Tribute

On behalf of the Bar and the Colonial Legal Service, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Attorney General, associated himself with the remarks of the Chief Justice, and added that he had had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hodgson for over 30 years. Mr. Hodgson, he said, devoted himself whole-heartedly to every business that was brought before him and brought the charm of his personality and his great gift of wise counsel to all those who sought his aid.

"He was indeed," Mr. Alabaster concluded, "a very lovable character and we would like to associate ourselves with the expression of sympathy which your Lordship extends to his wife and daughter."

Thanks Of Family

Dr. S. W. Ts'o, with whom the late Mr. Hodgson had been in partnership, said: I feel deeply and appreciate very much the very kind references by your Lordship and the Attorney General to my late partner, Mr. Hodgson, and the kind sympathy and condolences to his family. I should like, on behalf of my late partner's family, to thank your Lordship and the Attorney General for the kind expressions you have just made and for the kind sympathy you have extended to his family.

On behalf of his family, I thank your Lordship and the gentlemen of both branches of the profession for the honour you do him this morning and the last respects paid at his grave-side yesterday evening.

Colleagues' Regrets

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton said: On behalf of the junior branch of the profession, to which our late friend, Mr. Hodgson belonged, I would like to associate myself and the junior members of the profession with all that have fallen from your Lordship's lips and from the lips of the Attornel General. Those who know Mr. Hodgson love him, and it seems to me that the four words contained in the announcement of his death exemplified the kindness he felt towards other people. Those words were "No flowers by request," and they exemplified the kindness on his part for his wish was that instead of money being expended in the purchase of flowers and wreaths, the money should be donated to charities.

The Law Society has sustained, during the last 12 months, two severe losses—first Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Snr. and now our friend, Mr. Hodgson. Both were members of the Society and both were members of the Committee. We desire to extend to t family of the deceased our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

More Battalions To Be Raised

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Orders have been issued for the raising of three more battalions for the Indian Territorial Forces.

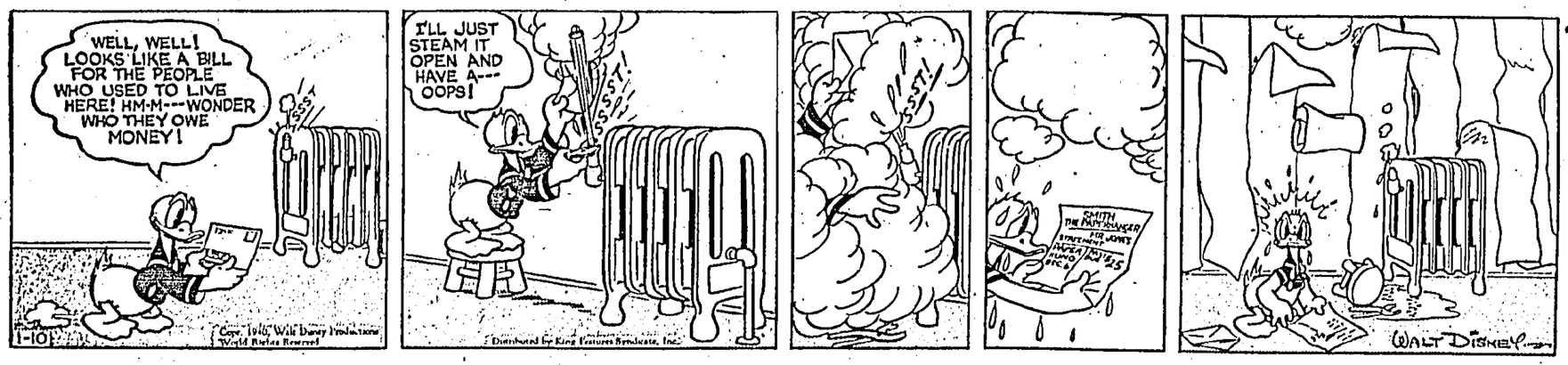
Recruiting starts as soon as possible.

More Road Deaths In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—Ministry of Transport returns of road deaths in Britain for January show an increase of 134 or some 28 per cent. over the figures for January, 1939. In all, 610 persons lost their lives on the roads of Britain in January, of whom 461 were killed in the hours of darkness.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Haydn—Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") in F Sharp Minor.

12.55 A Schubert Song.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Lucienne Bover (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Compositions of Richard Strauss.

7.20 Violin Solos by Emil Telmanyi.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

7.50 Studio—Short talk on the forthcoming Hongkong Dog Show.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert & Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Al Bollington at the Organ.
8.35 Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).
8.45 Studio—Talk on "Iraq."
9.05 Sea Shanties.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 "Old and New"—A Potpourri of Popular Melodies arranged by Herman Finck.

Herman Finck and His Orchestra.
9.45 Favourite Ballads.

10.04 Eric Coates—Springtime Suite.

Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.

10.17 Mendelssohn—Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1.

Stradivarius String Quartet.

10.42 Leopold Stokowski and the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

"Carmen"—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet)—Entr'acte, Act 4; "Samson and Delilah"—Bacchanale (Saint-Saëns); "Damnation of Faust"—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Hungarian Dance No. 1.

11.0 Close down.

TRIBUTE TO TWEEDSMUIR

Ottawa, Feb. 14.

Long lines of women and children stretched across the snowcovered slopes of Parliament Hill to-day waited patiently despite the cold to file past Lord Tweedsmuir's coffin.

The crowd was so great that the Senate Chamber, where the body has been lying in State since its arrival from Montreal, was left open throughout the evening and by midnight 14,000 people had filed past.—*Reuter.*

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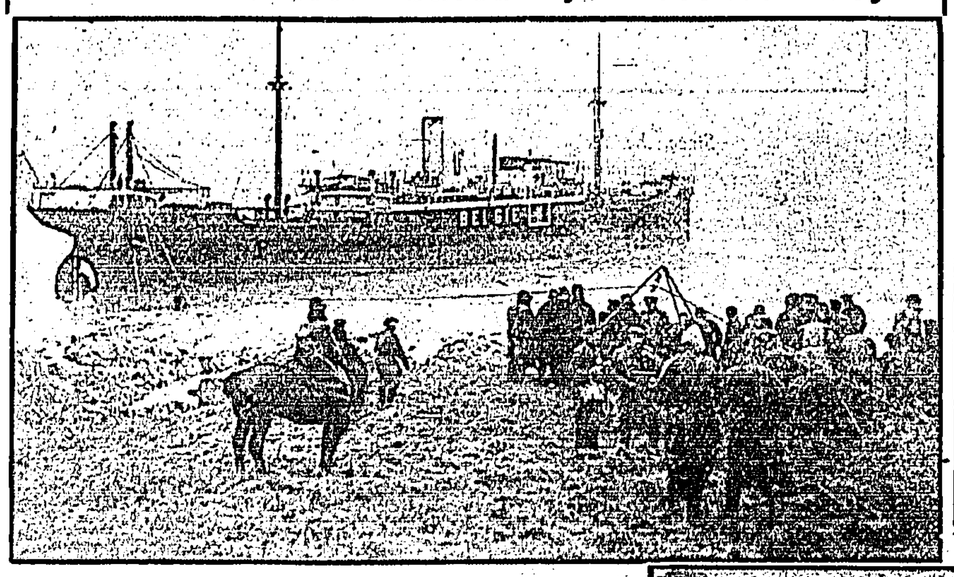


—*Inquiry Disclosures*

WHEN the inquiry into the loss of the submarine Thetis in Liverpool Bay last June was resumed in London it was disclosed that 50 of the 99 dead wore the Davis escape apparatus when the bodies were recovered.

Photograph taken inside the submarine after she had been raised were examined by the Tribunal, of which Mr. Justice Bucknill is president.

Sir Donald Somervell, K.C., the Attorney-General (for the Admiralty), said the condition of the escape chamber when the vessel was found was that one of the doors—he thought the after door—was open and one of the main valves into the escape chamber was also open.

"The effect of that was that, as the vessel was foundering, water could enter from the sea," he added.

Chief Petty-Officer Rowkins said that both doors of the escape chamber were open, as the bodies were taken out that way.

Mr. Justice Bucknill: Has any oak been detected in the plates of his compartment—otherwise it must have got in through the escape chamber?

Sir Donald Somervell: I think it is clear from the evidence that when the vessel was found there was access from the sea into the submarine and into any compartments which had not got their bulkheads shut.

Why Stern Sank

Mr. Justice Bucknill: That might explain why her stern sank so suddenly.

Sir Donald: It might.

Rowkins, questioned by Mr. Reginald Paget (one of the counsel for the relatives of William Henry Smith, an apprentice who lost his life), said that out of the 99 bodies recovered, 50 were wearing the Davis escape apparatus.

Mr. Paget: What I was going to suggest happened was that as soon as it became clear that there would not be time to evacuate the men in rotation owing to their becoming exhausted, it might have been decided to use all the engine room as a large escape chamber so that by flooding the whole compartment the men in that compartment would be able to file out?

Rowkins replied that if they were going to do that and the valves had been opened for them to do it, all the men would have been wearing the escape appartus. When the hatch of the after escape chamber was opened in his presence in dry dock at Holyhead it opened properly.

Panic Theory

Mr. Justice Bucknill asked Rowkins if he could throw any light on why the after escape hatch was not used after Mr. Shaw and Leading Stoker Arnold had escaped.

Rowkins replied that sometimes during the flooding of the escape chamber a man felt he could not stand the pressure. "A man panics, and somebody then may have opened the door on the forward side to allow him to get out," he added. "The man on the after side would only know that the man was panicking."

After Rowkins had advanced in technical language a second theory the judge said: "You mean they did not turn some handle sufficiently to enable men inside to open the hatch—and I believe that theory is borne out by the position of that turning handle as subsequently found—so that men had gone into the chamber, tried to open the hatch, found they could not open it, and then opened the forward door, thereby letting the water pour into the submarine? Is that right?"

Rowkins: Yes.

Engine Room Escape Bid?

The Judge: Finding they could not open the hatch of the chamber they decided to use the engine room itself as an escape chamber, and escape through the hatch, through which the bodies were subsequently brought; and to try to do that they tried to flood the engine room by opening this door and the sea valve. It is suggested to me that the exhaust in the engine room was also found open.

Commander R. M. Edwards, R.N., Submarine Assistant to the Director of Naval Equipment, said that in his opinion the bow cap on No. 5 tube was not open when the vessel left Liverpool.

Asked how he thought it came to be open later, Commander Edwards replied:

"In my view, in the ten minutes prior to the accident, after power had been put off, someone inadvertently moved the bow-cap operating lever towards the open position and perhaps realising that he had moved it, but not realising what he had done by moving it, he moved it back again to a similar position of the other levers on the panel. It might be some man who had no technical knowledge as to the functions of these levers."

Enamelled Test Cock

Commander Edwards was also questioned about his earlier evidence that the aperture of the test cock in No. 5 tube door had been found to be enamelled over with bitumastic enamel.

He agreed that the Thetis had passed the Admiralty overseers before she went out for her test.

Mr. G. H. B. Streatfield (for the Wailes Dove Bitumastic Company, Ltd.): Had not anybody cause to inspect it on behalf of the Admiralty?—It should have been inspected subsequent to being painted.

Advance Posts In Red Hands

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A Finnish official communique issued to-night admits for the first time that the Russians have occupied advance posts in the Mannerheim Line.

Another official communique issued to-day states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued their heavy attacks on Tuesday.

Only on the Summa sector, states the communique, has the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our foremost supporting points but a thrust checked them in front of our supporting points.

Everywhere else, the enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers.

Thousands were killed and dozens of destroyed tanks were left in front of our lines.

The fighting is continuing.

North-east of Lake Ladoga our troops dispersed all enemy attempts to thrust forward and a few tanks were destroyed.

Battalion Mowed Down

In the direction of Kuhmo (Central Finland), one Russian battalon was mown down and several "nests" were destroyed.

There was lively patrol activity in other sectors.

The communique also mentions that the Finnish air defences were involved yesterday in a number of air battles and Finnish planes continued to successfully bomb the enemy concentrations and encampments.

Among other places, the Russians bombed Viipuri.

It is estimated that during the day several hundred enemy planes were in action over the country. The Finnish fighters and air defences shot down 17 enemy planes, according to confirmed reports.

Finn Counter-Attacks

It is officially announced that successful counter-attacks were carried out to-day on the Karelian Isthmus. The fighting is stated to have been particularly sanguinary.

The Russians fiercely bombarded the Mannerheim Line.

In Complete Control

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Feb. 14 (UP).—It is announced that Finnish troops now have complete control of Suomussalmi and the Kuhmo highway despite repeated Russian air attacks. Kuhmo village is no longer subjected to Russian artillery fire, indicating that the Russians have commenced to withdraw their heavy artillery to the frontier.

It is understood that at least 35,000 Russian bodies are lying in the battlefield.

British Volunteers

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day it was stated by Capt. O. Peake, Under-Secretary in the Home Office, in a written reply to a question on this subject, that a general licence had been granted to British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and that a licence would be granted to a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

Capt. Peake added that H. M. Government had carefully considered this matter in the light of the resolution passed by the Assembly of the League of Nations on December 14 on the subject of provision of assistance to Finland.

It would be in their view inconsistent with the spirit of that resolution that British subjects who wished to volunteer for service in Finland should be hindered by provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, seeing that that Act contains power to grant dispensations.

Funeral Well Attended

The funeral of the late Mr. P. M. Hodgson took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Father Rigatti officiating.

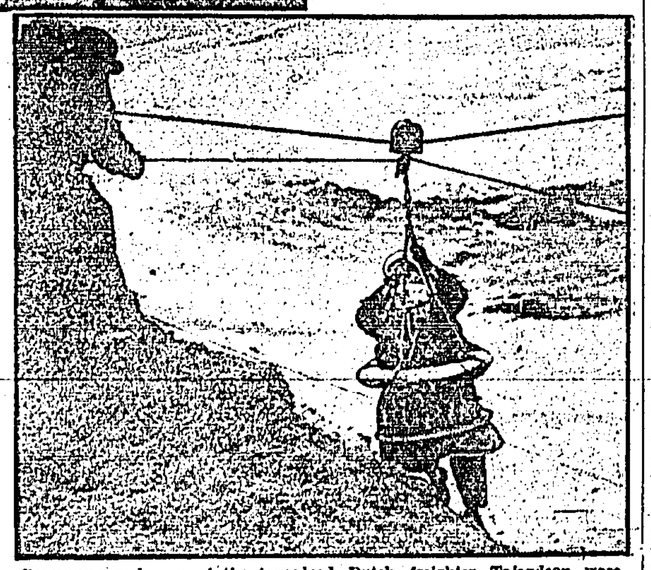
Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. G. A. Pentreath and Mr. T. O. Tso walked immediately behind the cortege, while others present included.

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. Justice Fraser, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. Justice Liddell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr.; Messrs. D. V. Steavenson, B. C. Randall, J. D. Humphreys, J. B. Prentis, G. G. N. Tinson, G. B. Wilson, A. H. Seth, F. G. Nigel, F. E. Nash, E. Davidson, C. B. Brown, B. Wylie, F. P. Franklin, D. E. Clarke, E. Potter, J. T. Prior, J. H. Taggart, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, D. J. N. Anderson, M. H. Turner, F. X. d'Almada, C. d'Almada, R. A. Wadeson, F. H. Loseby, A. el Arculli, J. M. d'Almada Remedios, H. G. Sheldon, T. H. G. Brayfield, D. Hancock, D. H. Blake, D. L. Strellet, B. D. Evans, M. W. Lo, S. M. Churn, J. T. Bagram, H. J. Armstrong, G. G. Wood, R. Edwards, T. E. Pearce, S. Berg, E. M. Raymond, M. A. da Silva, D. McCallum, A. R. Alves, R. Festonji, V. Benjamin, Alfred Y. Ilon, S. A. Sleap, P. Sin.

NINE GERMANS TO LEAVE SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—British official circles announce that the handing over of nine Germans in retention at Hongkong to Japanese authorities would take place in the near future.

They confirm that negotiations are in progress between the Japanese and the British Governments regarding definite arrangements. The date and methods of handing over have been discussed between Mr. Tani, the Vice-Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo.



Passengers and crew of the torpedoed Dutch freighter Tajandeon were rescued for the second time in a few hours when they were brought ashore by breeches buoy from the Belgian ship Louis Shield which went aground on the South Coast yesterday. They had been picked up by the Louis Shied after their ship had sunk during the previous night. These pictures show (top) the Belgian ship aground with the rescue apparatus rigged, and (above) a Dutch officer helped on to the cliff top.

BLITZKRIEG MAY BE LAUNCHED BY HITLER SOON

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"The second phase of the war will soon begin," said Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information, speaking at Altrincham, Lancashire, to-day.

Hitler, he said, might launch a great offensive or might hold his hand. If Hitler took the former course, he said, the British people would rise to the occasion as they always had done in the past.

Germany had the advantage of a much longer preparation in time of peace and her stock of munitions were certainly very large, he continued.

It would be significant indeed if she failed to deliver a carefully prepared and massive blow.

Alluding to the Prime Minister's distinction between war aims and peace aims, Sir Edward Grigg observed that peace aims would of necessity remain a dream until the war aims were realised.

There could be no future but degradation and darkness for Europe and for Britain if the military power of Germany were not destroyed, he said.

Four Things Needed

Four things, he added, were needed for victory.

They were rapid expansion of the Allied fighting forces already formidable though they were vastly increased; output of munitions; strong national finances, and a buoyant export trade.

"We can all play our part in one or other of these four branches of national effort. In particular we can save and bear the shortage of many things which we normally enjoy", he said.

While the Government is doing all it could by rationing and by pegging food prices he said, and in other ways trying to lessen harships, it was necessary to stress that hard times lay ahead.

"Let us face them proudly, for no generation of men ever marched beneath a cleaner banner for a nobler goal," he concluded.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1890.

Lady des Voeux will be at home on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., from 4 to 6 o'clock.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1915.

It appears that Count Bernstorff, in the course of his interview with Mr. Bryan, intimated that Germany would partly rescind her "war zone decree" if Mr. Bryan insisted upon the Wilhelmina's cargo of foodstuffs being delivered at Hamburg. Failing this, he threatened "further frightfulness" and the direction of such "frightfulness" is indicated by a Copenhagen despatch to the effect that Germany contemplates a gigantic broadcasting of floating mines.

The American Ambassador at Berlin, interviewed by the "National Zeitung" dwelt upon the insanity of a German-American war, which, he said, would be fatal to Germany economically, in view of the German millions invested in American undertakings. But the Ambassador added, the language of the German press increased the difficulty of solving a difficult problem and the possibility of serious conflict would instantly arise if an American ship were sunk.

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In contemplating the wonderful loyalty which has been shown by the Oversea Dominions in the present great crisis, the part which Australia has played stands forth with much prominence. She has, to the deep satisfaction of her people, been associated with magnificent work at sea, but above all else the manner in which she has come forward with soldiers to swell our Expeditionary Force on the Continent fills all Britishers with intense admiration. She has already provided a contingent of 20,000 men has now offered another batch of 10,000 and will train an additional 4,000 men every month as reinforcements.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1930.

The opening of the investigation of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives into the question of Prohibition, was marked by warm applause when the chairman, a well-known "Wet", declared that Prohibition had been tested for ten years with no satisfactory results.

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The prophets have all been confounded by the appointment of Sir William Peel as Governor of Hongkong in succession to Sir Cecil Clementi.

The actual appointment, however, goes to an officer who has had a long and distinguished career in Malaya, where he has spent the whole of his colonial service extending over a period of 32 years. At the moment, Sir William Peel is Home on leave, and it is therefore not possible to say when he will come to Hongkong, but we can bespeak for him in advance a very cordial welcome when he lands to assume the Governorship.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1935.

Baron von Neurath this afternoon handed the British and French Ambassadors the German answer to the Franco-British proposals for a Europe air accord. The German note was semi-officially described as friendly and favourable towards the principle of general discussion along the lines suggested.

The note stated that Germany was willing to negotiate; indeed, was willing to place her air force at the proposed Pact's disposal. This offer, it is explained in reliable sources, was made since the London Agreement assumed the existence of such a force. The note expressed the German Government's willingness for negotiation of an arms convention, at least in principle, and welcomed the offer to abolish Part V of the Versailles Treaty, which would remove the stigma of inferiority so keenly felt in Germany.

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Interviewed in the prison cell, Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to die by electrocution for the murder of the Lindbergh baby in less than a month's time, declared to-day that he was ready "to die like a man."

S.M.R. OPENS HERE

A cocktail party was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday by the South Manchuria Railway Company, Limited, to mark the opening of the Company's offices in Hongkong, at 1A, Chater Road. About 300 guests were presented. They were received by Mr. Akira Watanabe.

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The Anzacs

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of Australian and New Zealand troops —the sons of the famous "Diggers" of the Great War—have arrived in Egypt.

After the Canadians, the Anzacs. Britain welcomes them all, cordially and proudly.

More praise is due, too, to the Navy for convoying them around the globe without mishap.

Citizens of the British Commonwealth in both hemispheres rejoice at the free, prompt and unanimous decision of the British Dominions to join in the struggle against Hitler.—Nothing has surprised foreign countries more sharply, and nothing has angered Hitler more deeply.

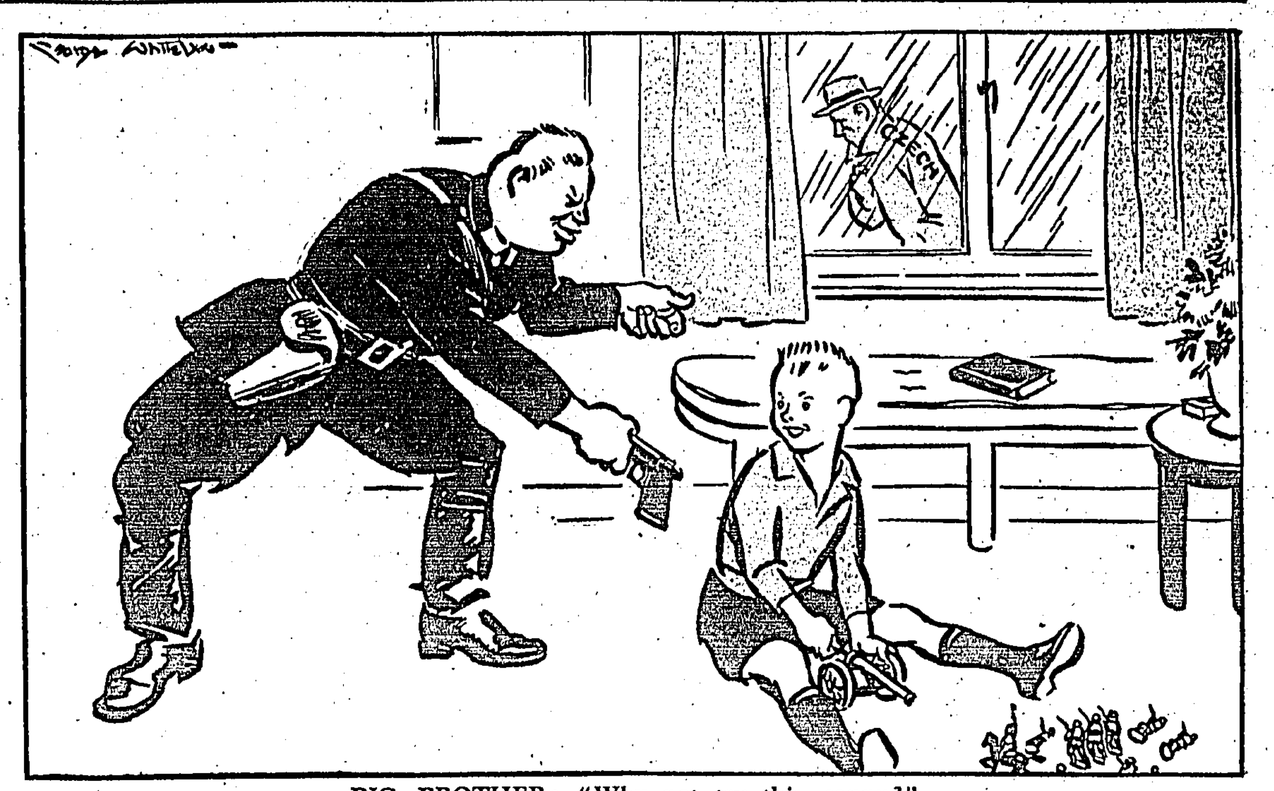
The British Commonwealth has its merits and its faults. In wartime, we see it at its best—a free association of democratic peoples who spontaneously unite together to resist the threat of barbarism. Democratic sentiment, despite Mr. H. G. Wells' article in the adjoining columns, is the soul of the British Commonwealth. A beloved King is its font. And, thanks to the Navy, it has teeth as well.

Few people realise the extent by which the free Dominions can aid the Motherland in this fight against Hitlerism. In this war they are mobilised to a much fuller extent than in the last and, what is more, they have attained power in many ways—in increased populations, in increased productivity, in increased wealth. In all of Europe there are only eight countries who can boast more people than either Canada or Australia. There are larger populations in both Dominions than in Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Scotland or Slovakia. Even plucky little Finland, which fights the entire might of Red Russia, has but half the population of either Canada or Australia.

In the last war, Australia mobilised 412,953 men, sent 357,781 overseas. The A.I.F. lost 58,132 dead and had a total casualty list of 214,360, higher in proportion than the casualty lists of either Britain, France or Germany.

And, what is more, the Dominions equipped and maintained their own forces in 1914-18. The million men they sent to Europe aided materially in the Allied victory.

Hitler faces more than England and France. He faces an Empire upon which the sun never sets.



BIG BROTHER: "Why not try this, sonny?"

Since the recent disturbances in Czecho-Slovakia, all German males in Prague, including members of the Hitler Youth Movement, have been served out with arms.

H. G. Wells and the fate of Homo Sapiens*

"I HAVE been asked to set down as simply and clearly as I can, in one compact book, the reality of the human situation.

"That is to say, I have been asked to state the world as I see it and what is happening to it. This is the result."

In these words Mr. H. G. Wells launches a book which in 330 pages ranges over the whole world scene and depicts in neat pen portraits all the big men of the day and the problems they are trying to solve.

It sets down Wells' own private solution to their problems—the education of mankind till it is fit for a democracy in which there is real equality, economic justice, universal education, and full knowledge for all those who desire to know.

He calls his book, "The Fate of Homo Sapiens," and it is published by Secker and Warburg at 7s. 6d. Here are some of the things he has to say:—

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

THIS is undignified writing. This is in the worst possible taste. Yet I cannot explain the twists and turns of Mr. Neville Chamberlain unless I use the terms I do.

How can I adorn him with splendid prose? I cannot see him as anything but essentially ignorant, narrow-minded, subconsciously timid, cunning and inordinately vain.

Most of the acts of Mr. Chamberlain since September, 1938, have been as irresponsible as those of any Dictator, equally unscrupulous and far more shameful. He has indeed made himself a Dictator by tact and betrayal instead of by violent seizure.

HITLER

IT is plain that the Fuehrer is insane; he shows all the symptoms of a recognised form of sex mania, the jealous fear and hate of the great raping black man—who in his case becomes the Jew.

Since in his case the obsession endangers the lives of people about him, he should be certified and put under restraint.

But insanity has its advantages as well as its handicaps. It involves an abnormal concentration of purpose and nervous energy.

MUSSOLINI

COMPARED with Hitler he is sane, intelligent and human.

He is vain, rhetorical and immensely energetic, with the energy not of morbid concentration but physical abundance.

He is what many men would like to be.

Where Hitler is an unqualified horror, Mussolini often is, as schoolboys say, a bit of an ass—which is much more endearing.

Until we remember the castor oil campaign, and the poison bombs in Abyssinia and the Lipari Islands, he is a lark. But then the lark stops singing.

STALIN

STALIN I liked when I talked to him. I did not think he had an overwhelming intelligence, but I thought he was honest and strong and human.

I have been disillusioned about him mainly by those foolish films of personal propaganda he has allowed to be made, "Lenin on October," for example.

JEWS

WHY should any country want these inassimilable aliens bent on preserving their distinctness?

Until they are prepared to assimilate and abandon the Chosen People idea altogether, their troubles are bound to intensify.

ROYALTY

THE monarch professes to act only on the advice of his or her Ministers, but as a matter of fact the Court is a centre of social and administrative influence of an entirely undemocratic sort.

A crown is a symbol of graded privilege.

In the place of Heil Hitler or the Fascist salute, these royalist peoples, at the sound of their particular National Anthem, stand stiffly to attention with an air of ineffable reverence.

It is a quite parallel act of worship, and as complete a repudiation of the personal responsibility of democracy.

RUSSIA

WHEN everything that can be said has been said against it, Russia still seems to be ahead of the rest of the world in its progress towards the practical realisation of the complete democratic idea.

Whether it will go on and keep that lead is quite another matter.

The Bolsheviks, planless themselves, had to take over a land shattered, impoverished, chaotic, invaded from every direction, and make a working system of it, some sort of new order, however rough and clumsy, or perish.

And they have made a new order, rough and clumsy still perhaps in many aspects, but holding together, and not nearly so rough and clumsy as it might have been.

JAPAN

THE rulers of Japan to-day are Nazis without a Hitler, Fascists without a Mussolini.

In Japan are the same factors that existed in Russia in 1918, the factors of a crude and violent social revolt. There is no greater threat to a Government than the return of a defeated army.

It will go ill in such an event with nobles and dignitaries and priests, and it is quite among the possibilities of the next few years that the last divine heir of the Sun Goddess may share a parallel fate to that of the last Little Father of Russia.

Then, starting from an even lower level than Russia in 1918, Japan will have to reconstruct its social and economic life.

That may be one possibility, but history never repeats itself exactly, and revolutionary methods have changed very greatly in the last twenty years.

CHINA

THE chief forces operating to produce the China of to-morrow are Chinese Communism, or, to define it more clearly, para-Communism, and Chiang Kai-shek's New Life movement, which is plainly para-Fascism.

They may combine against the common enemy, but they have no real convergence. The end of the war with Japan will release, rather than conciliate, their oppositions.

China liberated will become more and more a battleground of world ideologies. She will waver between Soviet Russia and Fascism, between Christianity of the J. D. Rockefeller type, on the one hand, and a tentative Socialism after the fashion of the New Deal, rather to the left of the New Deal, on the other.

BRITAIN

SO far from exercising any further leadership in world affairs, Great Britain is much more likely to withdraw into itself.

THE FUTURE

THERE is no creed, no way of living left in the world at all, that really meets the needs of the time.

In spite of all my disposition to a brave-looking optimism, I perceive now that the universe is bored with man, is turning a hard face to him, and I see him being carried along the stream of fate to degradation, suffering and death.

That, compactly, is the human outlook, the only possible alternative to the wilful and strenuous adaptation by re-education of our species now—forthwith—that I am urging in this book.

Adapt or perish, that is and always has been the implacable law of life for all its children.

A salvaging of the species is still just possible. That is as much as the most hopeful mind can say.

★*Fine old Latin phrase, meaning you and me: and the rest of us.*

To-day's Thought

THE future is purchased by the present.
—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THEY HAVE A RIVAL WHO IS 97,412 YEARS AHEAD

JAPAN celebrated the 2,600th anniversary of its foundation as an Empire this week.

It makes you think how comparatively young most of the great nations of the world are.

ENGLAND is 1,111 years old. It became a kingdom in 828 under King Egbert. Before then it had been seven kingdoms under seven warring Kings.

England and Scotland were united when James I. succeeded in 1603.

The Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which meant the end of the Scottish Parliament, did not come until 1707, and is therefore 233 years old.

FRANCE is 1,097 years old. It was not born until the year 843. Three sons of Charlemagne cut up his vast empire when he died because none of them was great enough to govern it. One of them received a large part of what eventually became France as his share.

GERMANY is only sixty-nine years old. It was proclaimed in the Gallery of Mirrors at Versailles in 1871 after the end of the Franco-Prussian war.

Before that Germany had been a mosaic of small States. In the time of Napoleon there were more than three hundred of them.

ITALY is only seventy-nine years old. It was founded in 1861 out of the separate States of foreign provinces of Piedmont, Sardinia, Lombardy, Tuscany, Modena, Parma, Ne Romanga and Sicily.

THE UNITED STATES, it is odd to recall, is older than many European States. Born in 1776 after the War of Independence, it is 164 years old.

POLAND, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA and several other States were only twenty-two years old. They were founded after the war in 1918.

SPAIN is 470 years old. A marriage made it into a kingdom. Ferdinand II. of Aragon married Isabella of Castile in 1469.

BELGIUM, it is seldom remembered, is only 109 years old. In 1830 it belonged to Holland, but in that year there was a national rising and Belgium became a separate kingdom under Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, Queen Victoria's uncle.

But easily the oldest of them all, at least according to her own claims, is China. According to legend the "Celestial Empire" is 100,000 years old.

ATTLEE'S WARNING

Country Must Be Well Prepared

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—Speaking in London to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee said he found neither the spirit of lighthearted adventure nor a false glamour of glory amongst the British people, but rather a mood of endurance and the fixed determination of people who felt themselves to be engaged in a struggle for the survival of European civilisation.

"If we cannot say what civilisation is, we know well what it is not, and a country which denies all Rights to the individual, a country which murders people for no other reason than that they belong to a particular race, and a country which hates mercy truth and freedom is no civilised country."

Mr. Attlee warned his hearers against undue optimism, and said that though all hoped that there would be no tremendous slaughter from air attacks, it was necessary to be amply prepared. Peace must be followed by building a world free from aggression and constraint.

Although a difficult time undoubtedly would follow the war, Mr. Attlee said he saw no reason for an era of great distress.

Labour Motion Rejected

Railway Profits Guaranteed

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—By a majority of 67, the House of Commons on Tuesday night rejected the Labour motion for the nationalisation of inland and coastwise transport.

The debate arose over the Government scheme whereby railways are guaranteed £40,000,000 profits a year while they are under Government control.

Mr. Herbert Morrison attacked the agreement on the ground that it guaranteed the railways higher profits than they would have made in peacetime.

Two Merits

Captain Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the agreement had two merits. They were paying for railways as they used them with no postponed liabilities. The scheme combined economy with efficiency.

The day after the agreement was signed, he went on, the railway workers received an advance of wages.

If left to themselves, the railways would have made much more than they will under the agreement.

KING PRESENTS NEW COLOURS

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King yesterday presented new colours to a battalion of the Irish Guards on the parade ground of Wellington Barracks.

The King then went to the Tower of London where he presented colours to a battalion of the Welsh Guards.

On both occasions he wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the regiments.

National Savings Campaign

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—During the first 11 weeks of the National Savings Campaign, over £80,000,000 has been raised, which is nearly four times the anticipated rate.

When the voluntary campaign was launched with the creation of a new savings certificate and a new defence bond, it was expected to raise about £100,000,000 in twelve months.

Since war began, 10,000 new savings groups have been formed, bringing the total to more than 50,000. About 75 per cent. of these are in offices and factories. New groups are being formed at a rate of 250 daily. If the groups do their work properly, they should ensure that an even larger amount of current savings will be passed to the Government.

Fleet Expansion Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives' Naval Committee have unanimously agreed to the two years $655,000,000 fleet expansion programme.

The Committee have also approved the President's programme to permit the navy to construct an additional 21 warships and 22 auxiliary vessels in the next two years.

French Officer Decorated

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A French liaison officer has been given the Croix de Guerre for his action with a British patrol in No-Man's-Land.

He attached himself to the patrol when a British officer was killed while trying to silence German machine-guns. He took command of the party and brought them back safely to the British lines.

OFFENSIVE WEAKENING

→ FROM PAGE ONE

gathering of forces for another onslaught.

Nobody believes that the Battle of Summa is finished.

But the next few days will tell the tale.

Critical Period In May

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Finland's struggle for independence, and with it the Allied cause, will reach the most critical period in May, states a military authority in London.

In his interview, he says the Russians will make no more than small gains during the winter. At the end of April, a thaw will set in and when May's warm weather dries up the sogginess, the Soviets will make a great drive.

Lost Without Help

"Without help, the Finns are lost," he avers.

Reinforcements in the shape of 10,000 experienced men, he states positively, will enable the Finns to drive the Russians back into Soviet territory.

All now depends on whether or not this help is sent.

He states that this estimate of 10,000 men and prophesying of a May super-offensive has been calculated as exactly as military science allows.

On the western front, the stalemate will not be ended in May but there may be fighting on other fronts. Where, he could not say.

Victory or defeat of the Finns will have the gravest bearing on the Allied-German position. If Russia conquers Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be directly menaced by Russia and Germany.

Economic and political concessions will be demanded, backed up by force or a show of force.

B.B.C. Observer's Talk

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Having just returned from Rovaneimi, the Finnish northern headquarters, the B.B.C. observer in Finland yesterday broadcast his impressions.

One of the first things he did on his return to Helsingfors after three weeks of absence, he said, was to buy English newspapers, which reach the Finnish capital fairly quickly.

He was interested to learn from one of them that their Stockholm correspondent had reported that Soviet planes had practically levelled Rovaneimi to the ground and that it was uninhabitable.

The B.B.C. observer said that he and several other journalists had been living at Rovaneimi for the past week "in considerable comfort" and that it seemed to be the case with the rest of the town.

Of course, the Russians did do a lot of damage in two large raids a fortnight ago, but life goes on.

When he visited the bank he found that it had sustained a direct hit and business was being carried on in temporary premises near the bank while repairs were being made.

Busness As Usual

Other banks and department stores were carrying on as usual inside although the outside was blacked and pitted.

Journalists stayed in a "real Hollywood" hotel built for tourists who, in peace-time, travel through Petsamo and stop off at Rovaneimi for a first glimpse of the midnight sun.

Half of the hotel is now a hospital.

During the past week, however, journalists have spent little time in the hotel. They go out on their skis early in the morning and return late in the afternoon, dropping in on a hunt in the forest for coffee and sandwiches.

They even organised shooting competitions with miniature rifles with no less than six different countries represented, but the Finns always won with monotonous regularity.

On the day that he left Rovaneimi, three of them went back to the hotel early in order to pack and complete last-minute arrangements. Hardly had they reached the frozen river than the air raid alarm sounded.

Swastikas On Wings

Emulating Russian patrols when they want to move quickly, they doffed their skis and ran back up the hill, arriving at the top completely out of breath. They could not go a yard further and so took advantage of the only available cover in bathing huts which, as the drone of the planes drew ever nearer, did not seem to be the best place one would choose.

Finally unable to bear it any longer, the B.B.C. observer stuck his head out. He never expected that the sign of the Swastikas on the wings of planes would bring a sigh of relief, but this was the case here. The emblem of the Finnish air force is a blue swastika.

Incidentally these planes were manned by Swedish volunteers who are part of a squadron which daily keeps the Russians at bay.

Conditions Improve In Palestine

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—In reply to a question concerning various aspects of the conditions in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary said in the Commons: "Steady improvement in the international situation in Palestine has been fully maintained. I am fully aware of the whole-hearted support which is being given by Jews throughout the world to the Allied cause, one of the purposes of which is the freeing of Jews from their cruel persecutors in Central Europe.

H. M. Government's policy allows for a very considerable degree of immigration of Jews into Palestine over the next ten years, and there is no question of departing from that policy. A legal quota was allowed for some 10,000 Jews to go to Palestine and be settled in the last six months."

ANSWER

(LIKE THIS PHOTO)

IS IN THE NEGATIVE

Hitler Rejects Pan-American Note

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany replied to-day to the note sent to all belligerents as regards the establishment of a 300-mile security zone around the Americas.

The reply welcomes the desire of the republics to maintain strict neutrality and says that the contemplated regulation would represent an amendment of international law.

German warships have observed international regulations. They therefore cannot be considered as different from other belligerents, for Britain and France have possessions on the American continent and have established important bases there.

Germany, therefore, suggests that Britain and France, under guarantee of the United States, should accept an obligation not to use these possessions and islands as starting points or bases for military action.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Chicken Stealer Who Killed A Woman

One of the two men charged with the murder, by strangulation, of an old woman named Lam Po at Ap Man Liu village, Saikung, on November 6, was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

He was Lau Tin-yeung. Before sentence of death was passed, he re-iterated his defence that while he did go to the place to steal chickens, he did not commit the murder. The other man, Lau Tau, was found not guilty and discharged.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Lau Tin-yeung was defended by Mr. Inglis Hosang, instructed by Mr. A. el Areulli, while Lau Tau was represented by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. D. Buchanan (Foreman), Lo Tai-yau, E. W. Sharp, L. C. Baker, A. E. Gutierrez, Ho Shiu-que and C. P. Grant.

GERMANY CLAIMS 'THEORETICAL' RIGHT TO SINK U.S. VESSELS

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amounting to a sort of a "blank cheque" for destruction.

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships to search them at sea instead of taking them to a control point in the Downs.

Merciless Revenge

Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed without explanation if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new rule.

Feeling in Holland is particularly bitter that Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves the big ones alone.

Bitter Comment

OSLO, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Germany's ruthless war on neutral shipping continues to draw bitter comment from neutral newspapers.

The leading Norwegian newspaper, "Tidenstegn," makes a drastic suggestion that the powers in Oslo must stop trading with Germany unless the Reich guarantee the lives of Scandinavian seamen.

The latest German excuse that neutral ships may be sunk even when they are being taken compulsorily to an Allied contraband control harbour is rejected by this newspaper, which says that if Germany continues to adopt this attitude the neutrals will have to revise their attitude towards the Reich.

This German claim was repeated yesterday when it claimed that the sinking of the Dutch vessel, Bergerdijk, was legal.

The Captain of this ship stresses the fact that the U-boat commander refused to examine his papers.

MORE SHIPS TORPEDOED IN U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

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of 8,501 tons, which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea.

Twenty-one members of the crew were landed at an East Coast port and 21 at another port.

The 16 year old wireless operator told how twice in two months he had been rescued from oil tankers sunk by explosions. This had been his second voyage on a British boat and on each occasion he had been shipwrecked.

On December 2, 1939, he was an assistant wireless operator on the tanker San Calisto which struck a mine and sank. He received internal injuries necessitating an operation.

He had only just recovered when he joined the British Triumph.

The British Triumph was attacked by enemy aircraft at Great Yarmouth roadstead only a fortnight ago.

Naval Defence Plans

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and counter-measures. These can only be judged by results," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, when asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had taken adequate measures for the defence of trawlers and fishing boats.

Mr. Churchill added that he hoped that a very great measure of protection would be afforded to men in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but it now appeared that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist murder.

We Don't Murder Men

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Asked whether in view of "the murdering of unarmed seamen by German airmen" he would consider ceasing to send out ships to pick up German airmen when their planes were brought down at sea, Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons to-day, declared, amidst cheers, that the ordinary instincts of humanity which required the rescue from the sea of drowning men or castaways should be observed by His Majesty's ship in the course of their duties.

U-Boats Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that the British steamers Sultan Star and British Triumph put up great fights before they were sunk, replying vigorously to the U-Boat fire and dodging their torpedoes.

The delay occasioned by the resistance on the part of the merchantmen enabled British destroyers to respond to their appeals for assistance and both submarines were destroyed.

In the case of the U-Boat which attacked the Sultan Star, depth charges brought her to the surface within half-an-hour of the sinking. She disappeared below again, completely wrecked.

The Admiralty announcement does not mention survivors from the two U-Boats.

Burst Into Flames

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Twenty-eight of the crew of the Gretafield were picked up by a trawler. Eighteen of them were injured and are now in hospital.

The ship burst into flames before she sank.

NEUTRAL PRESS RESTRICTIONS?

ZURICH, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A big campaign in Germany against the freedom of the neutral Press is expected to follow Dr. Goebbels' speech, according to the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung's" Berlin correspondent.

The reason for Goebbels' outburst is believed to be primarily the indignation aroused in Scandinavia and Holland by the submarine campaign against neutrals.

The correspondent says that the satisfaction felt over neutral shipping losses can be clearly read between the lines in the German Press.

The German public are not allowed to know that ships are being torpedoed without warning.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that a general licence has been granted for British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and a licence has also been granted for a recruiting organisation to be established in London.

In anticipation of this statement, M. Ivan Maisky, Russian Ambassador to London, was seated in the Diplomatic Gallery.

ESBJERG, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Danish Navy announces that a Danish inspection boat is bringing four German pilots who were forced to land in the Faero Islands. The men will be interned at Hald where there is a big internment camp.

The annual dinner and dance of Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society), Hongkong, will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, March 1. Reservations ($5 a cover) may be booked through the Hon. Secretary, 3, Ventris Road, or the Hongkong Hotel. There will be dancing from approximately 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Subject to audit, the Directors of The Vibro Piling Co., Ltd. have recommended a Dividend of 50 cents and a bonus of 25 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 1939.

WORLD WAR SAYS QUO

China Fights On Same Fronts As Allies

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—At the National Liberal Club to-day, 250 were present at a luncheon in honour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the British Ambassador in London.

Speaking on the inter-actions of war in China and Europe, Mr. Quo said: "There is no European war. There is no Asiatic war. There is a world war.

"Whether here, where you have hardly started fighting, or in Asia, where we have already drained our blood and our resources, it is the same war, waged by the same opposing forces.

"So my first desire is to enter a caveat against the thinking which in effect would say 'Get the thing settled in Europe and everything else shall be added unto it.'

"A European settlement, however achieved, settles nothing by itself even for Europeans.

"The Chinese coast means as much to you as the Baltic and the Balkans in every vital interest that you have."

Referring to Mr. R. A. Butler's re-assertion in Parliament on January 31 that Great Britain intends to adhere firmly to the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "Every year since 1922 makes that Treaty's provisions more useful and more indispensable to international order and prosperity, especially to Anglo-American security and prosperity as well as to Chinese welfare."

MUSSOLINI CALLS UP 200,000 MEN AS TENSION CONTINUES IN BALKANS

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they found, states the article, were some harmless Hungarian books.

200,000 MEN CALLED UP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Marking the first tangible result of meetings during the past days of the Supreme National Defence Council, the Italian Government to-day called to the colours 200,000 additional men of the 1910 and 1920 classes.

The mobilization is believed to have been made as a precaution against the increasing tension reported from the Balkans.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is shortly visiting Rome to again confer with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Informed political circles state that Hungarian-Rumanian relations have not yet taken a turn for the better and the forthcoming conversations between the Foreign Ministers of Italy and Hungary will have important effects on the Balkan situation.

MORE NAZI SHIPS OUT

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bility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the Wolfsburg which, like the Wakama, is reported to have opened her seacocks off the north coast of Brazil when a British warship was sighted.

It is learned unofficially that H.M.S. Hawkins will remain at Rio for 48 hours instead of 24 as at first reported. The need for slight repairs to her machinery is given as the reason.

SUPERHUMAN DEFENCE BY FINNS AS REDS DENT LINES

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of the Mannerheim Line have apparently met with disaster. The Finns put up shells which threw men and tanks through the ice into the water.

Although the Russians have now installed advanced posts on the Summa front, they are still faced with about ten miles of continuous blockhouses, tank traps and other formidable defences.

JEWS SENT TO POLAND

BERLIN, Feb. 14. (UP).—It is understood from a reliable source that all Jews in Stettin, numbering between 800 and 900, were rounded up early this morning and transported by railway to an unknown destination, believed to be in a district in Poland.

THE "ENGLISH JEWS"

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The German Labour Leader, Dr. Robert Ley, has called on workers of the world to unite against the English-Jewish democracies.

Pains in Back, Nervous, Rheumatic?

Wrong foods and drinks, worry, overwork and frequent colds often put a strain on the Kidneys and Kidney and Bladder Troubles are the true cause of Excess Acidity, Getting Up Nights, Burning Passages, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Dizziness, Swollen Ankles, Rheumatism, Puffy Eyelids, and feeling old before your time. Help your kidneys purify your blood with Cystex. The very first dose starts helping your kidneys clean out excess acids and this will quickly make you feel like new. Under the money-back guarantee Cystex must satisfy completely or cost nothing. Get Cystex from your chemist today. The Guarantee protects you.

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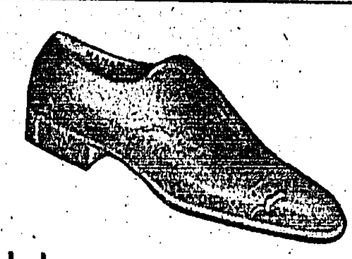

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Dutch Loan Bill Authorised

THE HAGUE, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Second Chamber of Parliament has passed a bill authorising the issue shortly of a semi-compulsory loan of 300,000,000 guilders.

Communists voted against the bill.

British Subjects May Enlist

London, Feb. 14.

The Under Secretary for Home Affairs (Mr. Peake) announced in the Commons to-day that a general licence would be granted British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces.—*United Press.*

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

HOCKEY INTERPORT CONFIRMED

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knotty Soccer Problem

Sir,—In order to settle an argument could you confirm that with respect to the incident in the South China A.A. vs Saigon match on last Sunday, which resulted in the S.C.A.A. being awarded a free kick at a position nearer to Saigon's goal than the penalty kick mark, should Lee Wai-tong plant himself before the ball, that is in front of Ip Pak-wah, to receive the pass from the latter to convert, would he be penalised for being offside, for he had at that moment only the goal-keeper between him and the goal-line? And that it would have been perfectly right for the Saigon players to "pack" their goal-mouth to prevent a goal from being scored if they elected to, but they did not, which was certainly not the fault of the referee.

A Soccer Enthusiast.

The Rules of Football state that the off-side rule applies to times when a free kick or a penalty kick is being taken.

It was, incidentally, Lai Shiu-wing who took the free kick. As I interpret the Rules, Lee Wai-tong must have been off-side under the conditions stated in the letter. Had the Saigon team packed the goalmouth, as they had every right to do, there would have been no question of off-side, for there would then have been more than one opponent in between Lee and the goal.

It is, however, a difficult problem, and the Hongkong Referees Association or the H.K.F.A. might be able to give a clearer interpretation of the Rules.—Sports Ed.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On **Saturday, 24th February,** the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

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COLONY TO PLAY MACAO ON EASTER SUNDAY

Kumaon Rifles Beat Portuguese Visitors

THE INTERPORT WITH MACAO has been confirmed, and will take place in Hongkong on Easter Sunday, March 24. Those who witnessed Macao in action during the Chinese New Year holidays will probably have seen the last of their two brilliant wingers, F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, who are due to leave the Portuguese Colony in the early part of March to further their aeronautic studies in the United States.

The team will be considerably weakened by their absence, and I doubt whether suitable wingers can be recruited from the junior XI. However, our local selectors would do well not to underestimate the strength of our neighbours, who, without fail, always give of their best in interport games.

It is about time the Colony interport team was nominated, or if there are to be trials, they should be commenced immediately. This would give players a fair chance of getting acquainted with each other's play, as is the case with our interport, it is teamwork that counts.

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THOUGH Macao defeated Recreio 2-0 last Thursday, the following morning on the Club ground the visitors lost 1-0 to the Kumaon Rifles. This was one of the most thrilling games that have been seen at King's Park this season, and a draw would have been a more fitting result.

One dramatic, if fortunate goal, marked the first half, and this proved to be the only goal scored. Forcing their first short corner, after ten minutes of fast exchanges, Kumaon Rifles took the lead through Capt. Loch from the resultant hit. Almada, though unsighted, was beaten by a good shot.

In this half, R. Angelo came very near to equalising when he broke through on his own, but failed at the critical moment. However, the visitors were giving nothing away, and their forwards kept on pressure until the interval arrived, Hira Singh making some brilliant clearances.

The second half was always interesting, but neither side could get the better of two good defences. On two occasions Macao were prevented from scoring—the first when L. Costa was sandwiched in the circle, and the second when A. Airosa was obstructed in attempting a short corner hit. A penalty bully should have been awarded in both cases, but the Kumaons were fortunate in not being penalised at all.

However, the superiority of the Kumaons' attack was much more pronounced. Narain Singh and Sher Singh were the outstanding forwards, with Capt. Loch doing much as he pleased in a quiet way on the extreme right. Hansa Datt, though playing strenuously at centre-half, but not very scientifically, was the best of the intermediates, and Nawal Singh and Kusain Singh, the backs, were thoroughly reliable defenders.

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THE Macao players were probably feeling the effects of their previous game, and the forwards, somehow, could not bring their usual combination into play. In defence they were well supported by J. Nolasco, A. Airosa and R. Rosario.

Though I would give the edge to Kumaons for team work, in fairness to our visitors, the umpiring could have been better.

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IN the final of the Seven-a-side Tournament organised by the H.K.L.H.A. held at the Central British School last Saturday, C.B.A. defeated "Y" Ladies by two short corners, with no goals being scored by either side. The C.B.A. defence which carried them through, played magnificently.

Though "Y" Ladies did most of the attacking in the first half their forwards were outplayed by the brilliant work of Miss A. Smith, at centre-half, and Mrs. M. White, at left back. The former tackled strongly and played a fine distributive game, whilst the latter sighted the ball with remarkable quickness, and her first-time clearances were grandly accomplished.

Miss P. Everest, too, in the latter half came in for a good amount of praise. The forwards, led by Miss I. Woolley, combined well, and although no goals were scored, often threatened the "Y" Ladies' defence. They secured three short corners in succession, and in the nick of time, to win a well earned victory.

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"Y" Ladies were unfortunate in not scoring on at least two occasions. In the first half when Miss D. McCaw broke through on her own, but failed to convert, and in the second half when Mrs. Gardner did likewise. The trio, however, including Miss B. Harker, on the right wing, accomplished good work.

"Y" Ladies' real strength lay in the half-backs, where Mrs. Starbuck barred the way down the middle. Miss M. McCaw also gave a pleasing

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Hockey Council Meeting

A Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this evening at 6 p.m.. A full attendance of members is requested.

K.O.Y.L.I. Cup Polo

ROYAL SCOTS TO MEET H. K. S. R. A. IN FINAL MATCH

THE ROYAL SCOTS and the H.K.S.R.A. entered the final of the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup competition yesterday when in the semi-finals played at Boundary Street they beat the H.K.S.R.A. (A) by 3-2 and the Middlesex by 8-3 respectively.

There was a large crowd of spectators present, including His Excellency the Governor and Brigadier Reeve. The final will probably be played to-morrow at 4 p.m.

Early in the first chukker of the Scots-H.K.S.R.A. (A) game, both sides were awarded 60 yard penalties, but neither benefitted from them. The Scots, however, scored first when Lt. Col. McDougall broke away and scored.

The Gunners pressed in the second chukker, but following another penalty against them, Lt. Col. McDougall scored again. Capt. Atkinson (R.A.), having failed in a previous break away on his own, finally reduced the R. Scots' lead.

The Gunners equalised in the third chukker, following sustained pressure on the Scots' goal. The Scots, however, nearly took the lead again when Capt. Burn took the ball the length of the field, and only failed when his shot glanced off his pony's hoof.

The fourth chukker was scoreless, but in the fifth and final chukker McDougall collected a long clearance from Burn, and went through to score the deciding goal.

The teams were:
H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Yeatman, Capt. Atkinson, Capt. Colson and Capt. Duncan.
R. Scots.—Lt. Col. McDougall, Lt. Fargus, Capt. Burn and Major Godley.

Gunners Superior

The H.K.S.R.A. opened their account against the Middlesex almost from the start. From a throw-in, Lt. Smith connected and scored. Capt. Wilson nearly increased the lead when he got through on his own, but his parting shot struck the upright.

Middlesex equalised, against the run of play, in the second chukker. Lt. Chattey raced away and sent the ball strongly between the posts. Just before the end, the same player missed a 60 yard penalty.

The Gunners flashed into true form in the third chukker and piled up six goals without reply. Capt. Wilson converted a 40 yard penalty, and almost immediately after Smith placed them three goals ahead. Smith scored again, and then Wilson contributed two more, the first being a very fine backhand shot from an acute angle. Just before the bell, Smith, too, scored his third goal.

Lt. Chattey was much to the fore for Middlesex in the fourth chukker, and was rewarded with two goals, but Smith added yet another goal for the Gunners before the end.

The teams were:
H.K.S.R.A.—Lt. Smith, Capt. Wilson, Major Penfold and Lt. Marshall.
Middlesex.—Lt. Fishbourne, Capt. Chattey, Lt. T. W. Chattey and Lt. Hancock.

HALF MILLION DERBY SWEEP TICKETS SOLD

THE HONGKONG DERBY SWEEPSTAKE this year is going to bring a windfall for some body. The sale of tickets yesterday brought the total to just over half a million.

First prize at the moment will be well over $200,000, but at the present rate of sales there is every possibility that this sum will eventually be above $300,000.

Football

Regional Cup Competition In Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Scottish Football League have decided to conduct a Cup Competition among the 31 Clubs which at present constitute the Regional Leagues commencing on February 24 and ending on May 4.

Matches will be played on the home and away basis, and the winners of each tie will be the scorers of the most goals in these two matches.

Cowdenbeath F.C. have closed down for the duration of the war, and have withdrawn from the Scottish Eastern Section.

Southern Challenge Cup

London, Feb. 14.

Twenty football clubs competing in South A and South B have unanimously decided to promote a Southern Challenge Cup knockout tournament. The Football Association has been asked to extend the season to enable the tournament to be run from May 11 to June 8.—*Reuter.*

Fulham Defeat Brentford

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Fulham defeated Brentford to-day by 5-2 in the South "B" Section of the English Football Leagues.

COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

A CAVALCADE will be held for members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, commencing from the clubhouse. The route will include the ground covered in last Saturday's paper hunt.

Riders who are not members of the Cottage Club are invited to participate, but are requested to send their mounts to the Club by the appointed time.

Sappers Beat Gunners At Cricket

Fine bowling by Denyer and Shipp, who took five for eight and four for 25 respectively, gave Royal Engineers an easy victory of 131 to 65 runs over a Royal Artillery eleven from Lyemun in a friendly cricket match on the Army ground at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

Except for Lts. Ingram and Plummer and Gnr. Barsby, who reached double figures, the rest of the Gunners fared badly, and the side were all out for 65.

The Sappers opened confidently despite the early loss of Hawkins, who was run out for a "duck", and won with many wickets to spare.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February.

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

A fine action picture of the R. Engineers-R. Scots match in the Army Rugby League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday. The players (l. to r.) are Cpl. Marshall (R. Scots), L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.), Lt. Ridsdale (R.S. with the ball) and Spr. Artingstall (R.E.) Ridsdale was brought down soon after this picture was taken. The R. Engineers won 6-0.

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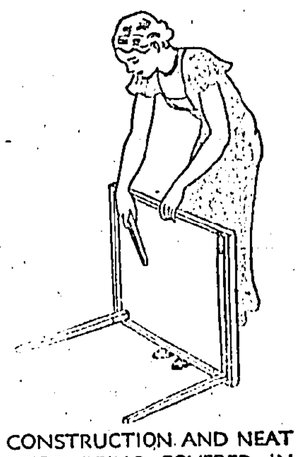

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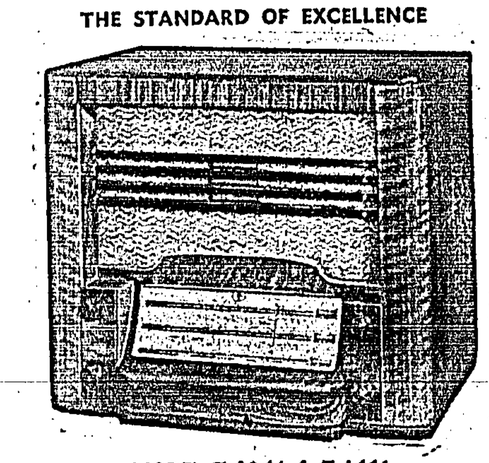

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE ANNUAL MEETING

Expiring Crown Leases And Property Owners

"The subject of expiring Crown leases is very much in the mind of property owners these days, and although we are not immediately affected, there is no doubt that an early and equitable settlement of this question is very desirable," said Mr. D. E. Clark, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning.

All flats and houses were fully occupied during the year, while rent, at $313,921, was a record for the Company.

Mr. Clarke said:

The profit for the year, viz., $201,-586.67, can; I think, be considered satisfactory—as excluding the profit on sale of land shown in the previous year's accounts, this figure is some $22,000 higher.

All flats and houses were fully occupied during the year. The twelve additional flats in Argyle Street referred to in my speech last year were completed on November 15 last, and our rent roll was augmented by receipts from that date. These twelve flats have been leased to the Military Authorities as officers' quarters, and I may mention that the construction and general lay-out have been very favourably commented upon. The demand for flats both in Hongkong and Kowloon still continues.

Record For Company

Referring to the debit side of Profit and Loss Account, most items are very similar to the previous year's account, although repairs show a small increase. On the other hand, Rents, at $313,921.03, are a record for the Company—this being due to the larger amount invested in Property.

From the Balance Sheet you will note that amount invested in Land and Buildings has increased by just over three lakhs and this expenditure is reflected in the increase of our indebtedness to our Bankers.

Loans on Mortgage have been reduced by a little over $50,000. One mortgage was partly repaid, and foreclosure proceedings were taken in another case—the amount involved being transferred from this account to Land and Buildings.

Special Repairs have cost $11,-995.65, chiefly due to exterior replastering of Nos. 19/42, Humphreys Buildings and relaying patent roofing of Nos. 1/6, Tregunter Mansions.

Expiring Crown Leases

The subject of expiring crown leases is very much in the minds of property owners these days, and although we are not immediately affected, there is no doubt that an early and equitable settlement of this question is very desirable.

It may be of interest to shareholders to learn our position as regards Crown Leases held for 75 years with no renewal clause. We have one small property with 23 years of the term still unexpired, and another larger property with 33 years unexpired. All our other properties held under this type of lease have 38 years still to run before expiry.

I think I have dealt with the accounts as fully as possible, and trust you will approve of the proposed allocation of profits available. You will note it is proposed to transfer a sum sufficient to bring Building Improvement Reserve Account up to $75,000.00. It is felt that the interior of some of our older properties need modernising, and it is proposed to proceed as opportunity offers with improvements in this direction.

I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the balance of Profit and Loss available be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on 200,000 shares	$140,000.00
Transfer to General Reserve	25,000.00
Transfer to Building Improvement Account ... (bringing same up to $75,000.00)	20,380.00
Transfer to Special Repairs & Renewals Account ..... (bringing same up to $15,000.00)	11,095.65
And carry forward	36,539.53
	$239,015.18

After this proposal has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer questions in connection with the accounts to the best of my ability.

The report and statement of accounts was then seconded by Mr. R. H. Wild.

Directors Re-elected

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson as Directors, which was seconded by Mr. P. C. Potts. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of $600 each on the proposal of Mr. J. E. Jupp, seconded by Mr. W. C. Lee.

Others present were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson (Directors), Mrs. D. Cowen, and Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, W. J. Hansen, and C. Bernard Brown (Shareholders).

LETTERS

War Pictures

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir, — In the correspondence columns of your esteemed paper and also in the columns of your morning contemporary, I recently saw considerable discussion as to why so few, if any, British news films were shown in local theaters—the implication being that it was due to American monopoly.

More recently, I saw what I thought was an excellent reproduction of a photograph showing three planes serenely pursuing their course although the air was filled with puffs from anti-aircraft shells.

A couple of days later, someone exposed the photograph as one taken of a demonstration made in 1938 for none other than Adolph himself to show the invincibility of his aircraft, and it was necessary, for you to publish a statement that it was accepted in good faith from the Domei Agency.

On February 12, we were treated to "Official Air Ministry" photographs. According to your captions these did not come from official British sources, through British censorship, via British mail planes, to a British Colony, for publication in British newspapers; but through the same Domei agency.

Is it not possible that these depict the canals on Mars?

Can it be that Hongkong must depend on photographs distributed by a Japanese agency.

YANK.

(Owing to the difficulty of obtaining an adequate supply of British war photographs from official sources, the "Telegraph" has no hesitation in using those supplied by the Domei News Agency which, in the case of the official Air Ministry photographs published last week, were air-mailed from London to Hongkong.-Ed.)

Australians' View-Point

Same Now As In The Last War

CANBERRA, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Archie Cameron, leader of the Australian Country Party, broadcast from Australia to Europe to-day.

He addressed his remarks in particular to the German people.

Discussing fundamental war aims, he said that the British Empire desires nothing from German owners.

In the past, he said, British countries had provided homes for German emigrants many of whom had been welcomed in Australia and were now a part of it.

The British Empire merely insists that Germany's neighbours shall be allowed to maintain their independence and their own state of liberty, he said.

Germany is now meeting Australia again with little learnt from the last war.

Same As In 1914

The Australians felt, he said, as they did in the last war. They were participating in it not because Government had ordered them to do so but because they believed in the justice of the British cause.

Seven Australian divisions fought in the last war and others will follow them this time, he continued.

Looking towards the future after the war was over, Mr. Cameron said that they hoped that political, civil and religious freedom would be established in Europe and that the small states could exist side by side with the big ones without feeling any threat from one man.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Palestine against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

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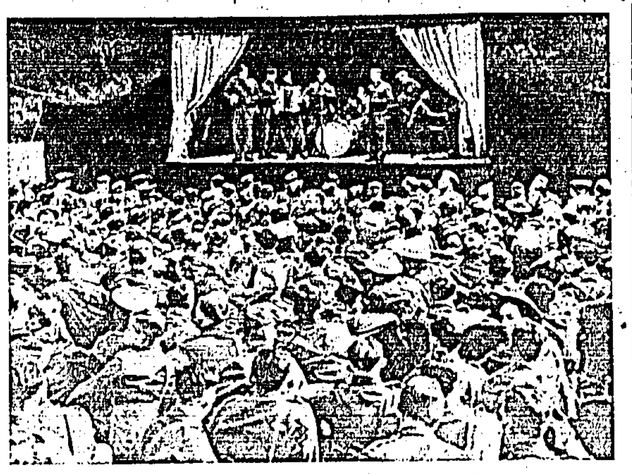

SOLDIERS listening to their own dance band at a camp 'somewhere in England.' *Photo courtesy of B.B.C.*

Hockey Interport

(Continued from Page 6.)

display at left half. Mrs. Stone was a reliable full-back, and excelled in first-time tackling.

"Y" had the better of the exchanges, and were just unlucky to concede two short corners at the critical time.

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How the games went:

1ST ROUND.—H.K. Ladies bye, and "Y" Ladies beat Recreio Ladies 1-0 in the opening game. It was a keen game in which, territorially, the winners were far superior. After several dangerous raids in the first half, when Miss Z. Barros saved well from Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw, the last named found the net off a free hit from her sister, Miss M. McCaw.

"Y" Ladies improved in the second half, and might have scored several times, but for the good work of Mrs. M. Silva and Miss B. Remedios in the Recreio defence. Raids by the "Y" Ladies were continued until the final whistle without any further results. "Y" defence gave a very fine performance.

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C.B.A. bye, and C.B.S. defeat St. Andrew's 2-0.

The early play favoured the schoolgirls, and after two minutes Miss J. Moss followed up a beautiful centre from Miss E. Watson to flick in a nice goal. C.B.S. kept up the running, and Miss E. Watson cut into the circle to beat Miss J. Hall once more.

A fast pace was maintained throughout a keen second half, and though the Saints' forwards went very close to scoring, they found it extremely difficult to get past the school defence, in which Miss B. Goodwin did well at full-back.

Features of the C.B.S. team's display were faultless intercepting by the halves, Miss S. Rousseau and Miss P. Kirby.

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SECOND Round. Y. Ladies defeat H.K. Ladies 3-1, and C.B.A. defeat C.B.S. 2-0.

"Y" Ladies won their match by effective combination. Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw were quick on the ball, and always gained hearty support from their halves. Miss Gray defended well for H.K. Ladies, but she made one blunder in the first half, which resulted in Miss D. McCaw scoring.

After the interval, Miss M. Smalley equalised with a grand reverse stick shot, but the "Y" attack was again on the offensive, and further goals were added by Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

The H.K. forwards could not get together, and there was a conspicuous lack of dash.

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C.B.S. received an unexpected shock when they went down 2-0 to the C.B.A. Smart work by the C.B.A. halves led to Miss I. Woolley opening their account with a beautifully placed shot. A few minutes later Miss Squires cleverly dribbled the ball down the right flank, and scored a good goal.

In the second half the schoolgirls retaliated strongly, causing a certain amount of anxiety to the C.B.A. defence, but excellent spoiling work by Miss A. Smith, at half back, together with Mrs. White and Miss B. Parsons prevented any score.

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KNILL CUP FINAL. Argonauts beat C.B.A. by four short corners.

C.B.A. reached the final by defeating Recreio 1-0, and D.G.S. by one short corner.

Argonauts accounted for C.B.S. and "Y" Ladies by 1-0.

Early play in the first half was in favour of Argonauts, but Miss E. Woolley broke through to snatch a lucky goal. Argonauts tried hard to equalise, but failed to pierce the C.B.A. defence, where Miss P. Felshow and Mrs. Mackay were prominent.

On resumption, the Portuguese halves were definitely on top, and their forwards were quicker on the ball, and much smarter and more accurate with their passes. Miss Mathias, on the right wing, equalised in a splendid solo effort, and proved to be the outstanding forward throughout. Argonauts mainly owe this victory to the half-line, where Miss N. Silva and Miss R. Xavier not only held the opposition, but launched a sustained bombardment on the C.B.A. citadel, to force four short corners in succession.

This victory was most creditable in that it is the team's first appearance in the Knill Cup and the Brawn Cup League. They are also pretty certain of winning the latter.

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IT was a glorious afternoon, and the Seven-a-side tournament proved a great success. Tribute must be paid to Miss D. Moss, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.H.A. for the excellent work performed.

There was a representative gathering of Clubs, most of the playing members turning up in full force to back their respective teams. In the course of a short speech, Miss Moss thanked the Principal of the C.B.S. for the loan of the ground, and the Umpires for their services. Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Pearce, who presented the cups to the winning teams.

WESTERN FRONT

Fire Exchanged Across Rhine

PARIS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Despite shelling by artillery and trench mortars, Nazi raiders have again been driven back in disorder on the Western Front, it was revealed to-day.

Exchanges of fire between casemates on the Rhine have also been reported.

The bitter cold wave still grips the Western Front and the thermometer has dropped to four degrees above zero Fahrenheit—28 degrees of frost.

In the region east of the Moselle, the German High Command continues to attempt to raid French posts with the object of capturing prisoners.

The latest attempt has again been repulsed.

It was supported by carefully planned artillery although the raiders were few and numbered about 50.

At the same time trench mortars sent their heavy projectiles hurtling down on the post itself. But the French artillery had not been idle.

French gunners put down a heavy barrage of shells in front, and the curtain of fire, coupled with shots from the automatic arms of the garrison, drove the Nazi raiders back in disorder.

A communique issued to-day states that an enemy raid failed to the west of the Saar.

A German cargo was captured and taken into a French port.

SAIGON'S LAST MATCH IN HONGKONG

Combined Chinese Team For Saturday

THE LAST MATCH of the series with the visiting Saigon football team will be when they meet the Combined Chinese at Caroline Hill. The date has not yet been definitely fixed, but will be either Saturday or Sunday.

The combined Chinese team will be as follows:

Cheung Wing-choi (S.C. "B"); Hau Yung-sang (S. C. "B"), Lee Tin-sang (S.C. "A"); Tse Kam-hung (S.C. "B"), Leung Wing-chiu (S.C. "A"), Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sum (S.C. "A"), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (S.C. "B"), Fung King-cheong (S.C. "A"), and Hau Ching-lo (Eastern).

Reserves:—Wong Wah-gay (Kwong Wah); Lee Kwok-wei (Kwong Wah), Mak Siu-hon (S.C. "A"), Tsang Chung-wan (Eastern); Chow Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Cheng Ying-kuen (Eastern), Ip Pak Wah (S.C. "A") Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah), Lee Shek-yau (S.C. "B").

ROOSEVELT GOES FOR A CRUISE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt left to-day by train for the south. It is understood that he will embark on the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Pensacola, Florida, for a short cruise.

The Tuscaloosa brought members of the crew of the scuttled German ship Columbus to New York recently.

White House officials offered no explanation for the unusual secrecy of the trip but it is thought that President Roosevelt might extend the cruise to the region where the neutrality patrol vessels are keeping a watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO TWEEDSMUIR

Funeral Orations At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—A striking tribute to the late Lord Tweedsmuir's nobility of character was made by his pastor and friend in conducting the funeral service at the Presbyterian Church this afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Ferguson quoted from Lord Tweedsmuir's writing to show his Christian faith and nobility of character.

Deeply impressive scenes were witnessed in the snow-covered streets as the procession passed slowly through densely-packed crowds with bands of foot guards and Air Force playing the "Dead March in Saul."

Pall-bearers were chosen from the Navy, Army, Air Force and Mounted Police.

Nineteen guns were fired in salute as the cortege proceeded from the Church to the railway station, where pipers wailed a lament as the coffin was placed in the train.

The train then left for Montreal where the body will be cremated.

Solemn observances were also held to-day throughout Canada. Lady Tweedsmuir did not attend the Church.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, and the Diplomatic Corps were at the station when the train departed.

Premier's Tribute

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—The Prime Minister of Canada has sent the following message to the Secretary of the Dominions:—"Please accept warmest thanks on behalf of the Canadian Government and people for the telegram in which you record the deep regret of H.M.G. at the passing of Lord Tweedsmuir and the desire to be associated with us in our national sorrow.

"By broad humanity, great gifts, a high conception of office, devotion to duty, unsparing dedication of himself to the service of Canada, wide knowledge of our country and people, Lord Tweedsmuir endeared himself to all classes of Canadians. His passing is regarded as a personal loss in thousands of home in this land.

The telegrams of sympathy which have reached us from all parts of the world bear witness to the affection, regard and admiration which his character and the labours of his life had won for him among men of many races. Everything he did and said brought honour to the country of his birth and the country of his adoption.

His presence amongst them made people proudly happy, and an example such as his will remain as an abiding memory in this land, which he loved so much and served so well."

Chinese Are Now United

Japan's Hopes Will Not Be Realised

LONDON, Feb. 15, (Reuter).—It is probably true that in Japan they no longer expect victory either through battle or seizure of territory, writes the "Manchester Guardian."

Their hope is that China will fall to them at last by sheer exhaustion and disunity.

Sufferings in China are certainly immense and maybe will be worse. Nevertheless so greatly are the rulers of the people changed since the days when they were the tools of any strong unscrupulous power that their unity persists despite everything the Japanese can do.

What arms have not accomplished, the Japanese think they will achieve by statecraft. The plan is simplicity itself. Chiang surrenders and becomes with Wang Japan's instrument in establishing her new order in East Asia.

The only difficulty is that the plan seems to have no particular relation to the facts, concludes the paper.

N. Y. SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The first blizzard of winter has swept the city. At least fifty are injured. For a few hours traffic was almost paralysed. It was the worst storm since 1936.

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Eden Not Going To Ankara

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It was reported from Ankara to-day that Mr. Anthony Eden would visit Turkey before returning home from Egypt. This has been officially denied in London.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee have postponed formal consideration of the proposals for an embargo on exports to Japan, but Senator Pittman predicted that the embargo resolution would be approved by the Committee during this session.

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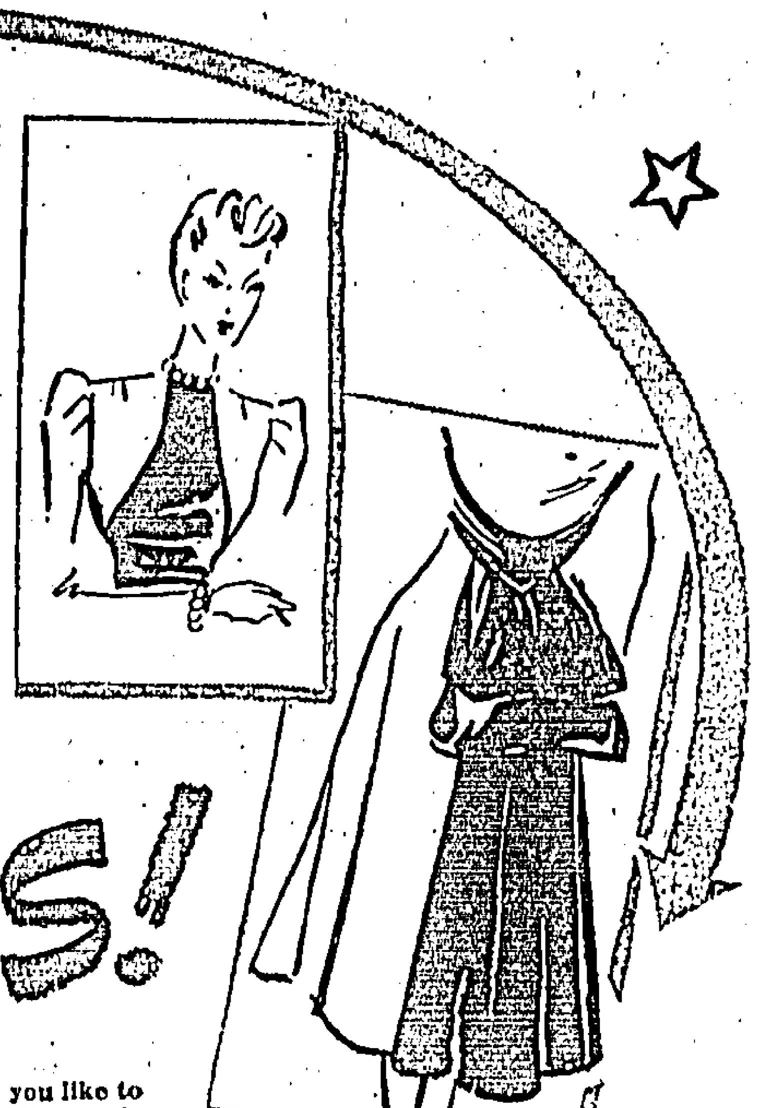

What is the best little dress you ever owned?

Mine is my simple—very simple—black day dress which lets me "play it up" with a gay chiffon scarf, or a large inexpensive, but costly-looking, brooch, or my special, rather barbarous necklace (made, I think, from gilded buttons), to say nothing of the conventional, but always right, string of pearls I affect.

The silhouette has been brought up to date with to-day's waistline and slight flare emphasised.

This is the simple dress which changes little from season to season —the "little dress" we all long for but so seldom find.

I'd like to call this a "Five in One" pattern but it's really a four-in-one dress with a choice of two necklines.

One, the heart-like neckline, is illustrated in the full-figure sketch. The other, the simple round or straight-across-the-throat line, is the grandest neckline for your string of beads or brooch or clip.

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As you see, the frock in the full-figure sketch is the ideal nine-to-six o'clock dress. Add to it the peplum, a sort of frill round the waist (sketch 2), which is simply attached to its belt and hooked on, and you've at once changed it to a slightly dressy afternoon frock.

Then we come to sketch 3. Here you have a plastron, an ornamental front, which entirely covers the heart-shaped or round neck (whichever you make), and gives you an accessory you can play with

In velvet, in colour contrast, on wool, you'd be using the last word in fabric partnerships.

It's the kind of accessory you like to add when you feel you can live up to it. You know what I mean—a special lunch party a matinee or an afternoon out.

We do want our after-six-o'clock dresses to have that little "something" which day wear lacks. So our designer has given us the bustle back in sketch 4.

In velvet on wool, it would be perfect. For me, I'll have satin-backed romaine, the dull romaine surface for the dress, and the satin side for the plastron and bustle-back accessories.

You can add a costume jewellery necklace and bracelets, if you like, or finish off the neck and sleeve ends quite simply.

This is an accessory dress with a difference—you yourself make your accessories.

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For size thirty-six bust, you can make the foundation frock (that is, the frock without accessories) from 3¾ yards of 36in. material or 2½ yards of 54in. material. Add half a yard of 36 and an eighth of a yard of 54, respectively, for the peplum. The plastron and bustle require 1½ yards of velvet in all.

So you can see how little your dress need cost.

Beauty Notes

IN these hard times, when nerves play such a part in our lives, health is of paramount importance. This wartime atmosphere does not tend to make nervous people less nervous. The best thing is just to feel resigned to the fact that we are in for a rather unpleasant time.

Very few women, however, realise that rest is the best treatment for nerves; it is also an aid to greater health and beauty. Rest, properly taken and in the proper amount, is an essential factor in physical and mental welfare. It is no good driving the body to exercises, when what the nerves and muscles and heart are really crying out for, is rest and an opportunity to recover from labour-induced fatigue.

In this matter as in every other, there is a wrong and a right way. True rest must be complete, but it must not be too prolonged. Complete rest can only be obtained in bed, and it is here, in a limited number of hours, that the sensible woman who is nerve-racked and over-worked should seek it. Let her go to bed early, and with open window, and complete darkness, sleep until Nature awakens her on the following morning.

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Hair round the face is something nobody can stand. The milliner itches to push back your curls, the coiffeur to cut them off, and in no time at all, you are pinning the sides back flat across your ears, without even thinking. The effect is neater, and a great improvement. The line is as if you were standing with your face to the wind. The whole face is exposed, the tip of the ear and along the side of the neck. The waves go softly back, seemingly of their own accord. They may be short at the back or not.

Many women leave a couple of inches which they comb, not in ringlets, but in loose, soft, unbrushed effect—perfect for out-of-doors, no frippery to come undone, no wisps to fall forward; perfect for the time being. And it is also perfect for the new hats, which are still quite high off the head. With a lot of hair flopping around your face, your whole head would seem to be falling down the front of your dress.

You can run your comb through such a coiffure lightly and leave it fluffy, or you can put in a few little curls yourself with a wet comb and a few pins.

Paris Correspondent

WAIST IT WELL

New Blouse & Jacket Fashions

By MARY GRACE

BLOUSE of striped taffeta ribbon on net foundation. Finished with neat stand-up collar and tailored bow.

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FOR special occasions —fuchsia velvet jacket has a flared basque and raised piping edging pretty gathers.

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BUTTONED waistcoat style in wine and gold wool with long fitting sleeves.

Raisin and Walnut Loaf

SULTANAS may be used instead of raisins in this recipe for fruit nut bread—a change for tea-time.

Ingredients: 2 cupfuls flour, 1 egg, 1 cupful milk, ½ cupful sugar, 1 saltsp. mace, 2 teasp. baking powder, ½ teasp. salt, ¾ cupful shelled walnuts, ¼ cupful chopped raisins or sultanas.

Beat egg, add sugar and beat again. Sift baking powder, flour, mace and salt together. Add raisins and chopped walnuts.

Stir in flour mixture alternately with the milk, to the eggs and sugar. Turn gently into a well-buttered loaf tin, and stand in a warm place for 20 minutes to rise.

Bake in a moderate oven from 1 to 1¼ hours. When ready, cool on a cake rack. Spread slices lightly with butter.

Now a recipe for nutty flapjacks.

Cream 4oz. margarine with 1oz. sugar. Warm two teaspoonfuls of syrup and add to the mixture, then work in 1lb. rolled oats with half-teaspoonful salt. Spread in a shallow greased tin and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. When cold, cut into fingers.

Beauty Tips

Ever notice how much you use your shoulders? When you are cold, they shiver; when you are bored, you shrug them. The shoulders reveal emotion and they highlight character, so they deserve a check-up. If they are held too stiffly, they cramp useful muscles and cause fat pockets to from across the back. If they sag forward, they distort the lines of your frocks and rob you of poise. The proper way to hold your shoulders is the comfortable way. Allow your arms to swing freely from their sockets while you shift your position until you find the most comfortable way to hold them. Then practice keeping them that way! Look to the quality and texture of the skin on your shoulders and back, too.

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Marcy Wescott, leading lady on Broadway, wears a chic This hat, worn with an all-black coat, has a matching muff. leopard disc beret gaily tied with a large bow of beige velvet.

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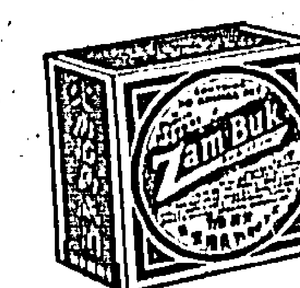

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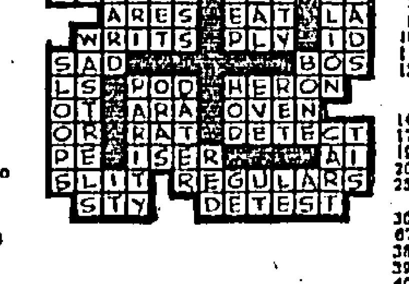
ACROSS

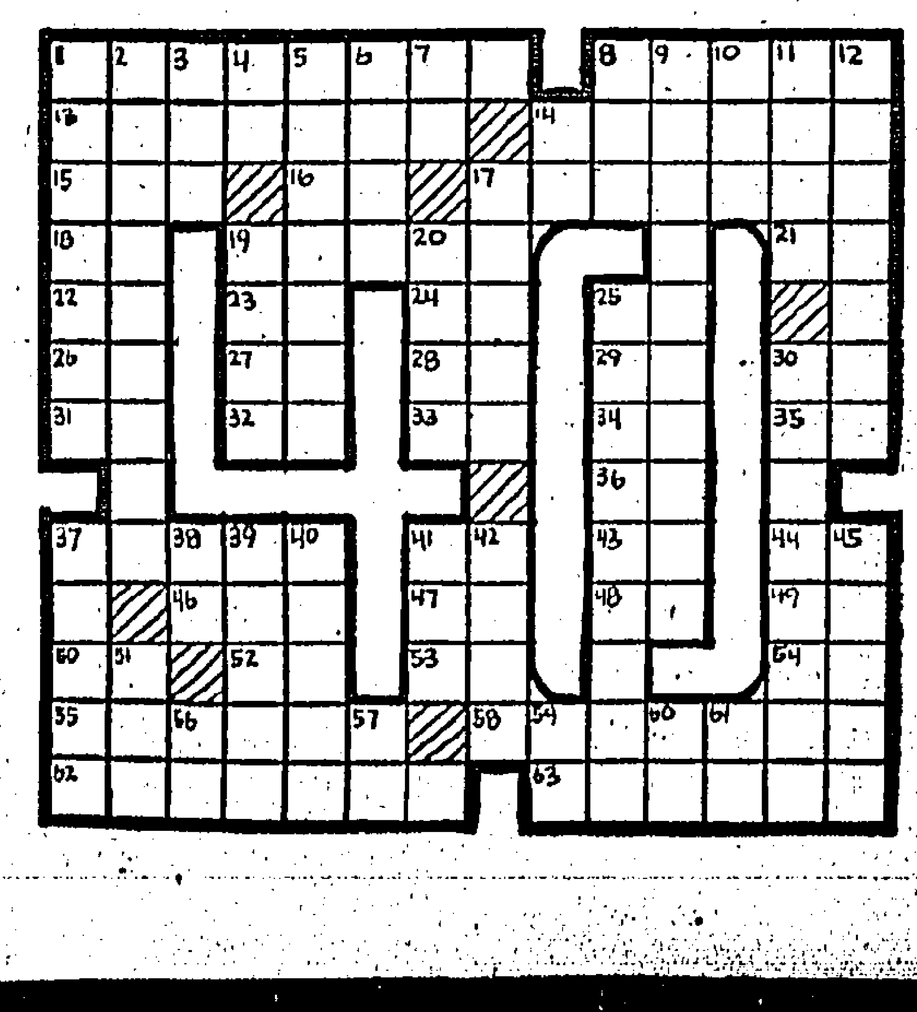
1—Thirteen and six
8—The number of robbers opposed by Ali Baba
13—Instruments of deletion
14—Deletion
15—Contorted
16—Roman coin
17—Long wooden seats
18—Second person
19—Visionary idea
21—Plural suffix
22—For the sake of example
23—New England state (abbr.)
24—Egyptian sun god
25—By reason of
26—Gold
27—Suffix: pertaining to
28—Hesitating exclamation
29—Terbium
30—Royal Navy (abbr.)
31—Red letter (abbr.)
32—Bag (abbr.)
33—On point of
34—Radium
35—Egypt (abr.)
36—And (French)
37—Indulge in reverie
41—Man's nickname
43—Exclamation of admiration
44—Officer of the Day (abbr.)
46—Man's name
47—Baby word for father
48—Belonging to me
49—Definite article (abbr.)
50—Or (French)
52—Senior (abbr.)
53—Exist
54—Roman six
55—Impetuous attacks
56—Processions
62—New Year's Eve gatherings
63—Help out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Nineteen Forty
2—Departing from usual form
3—Negative vote
4—Prefix: out of
5—Ripping
6—Gaelic language
7—Objects shaped like "E"
8—Obesity
9—System of healing
10—Regret
11—Woody plant
12—Showing subservient approval to actions of superior (col.)
14—Concerning
17—Quick in thought
19—Colorless
20—Open space
25—Long, narrow pennants
30—Makes up one's mind
67—Bend downwards
38—Each (abbr.)
39—Item of property
40—Cuba's national hero
41—Girl's name
42—Instrument of illumination
45—Non-Christian believer in God
51—Personification of truth
56—Strontium (abbr.)
57—Prefix: apart
59—River in Livonia
60—Thus
61—Prefix two



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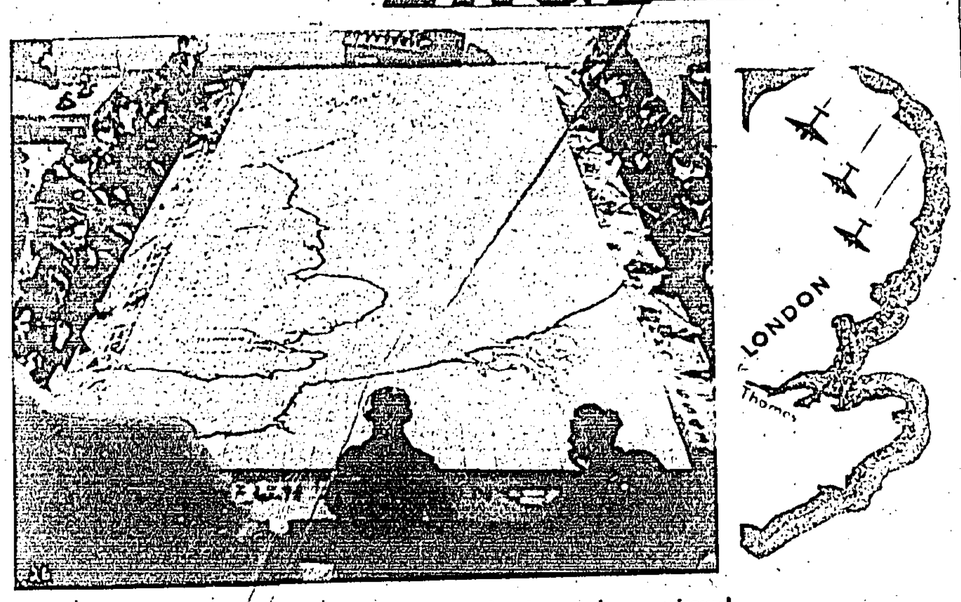

The Central Control Room of the R.A.F. Command, where orders are issued for our fighters to take off.

WITH a fierce roar the Spitfires swooped to the attack, even as the Nazi observer saw their approach and muttered fiercely to his pilot.

The Spitfires dispersed for the attack and suddenly the skies became alive with the noise of battle.

"Crack . . . crack . . . ack . . ." A rain of machine-gun bullets shrieked around the Nazi flotilla. Leaden hell snarled around the planes as, diving and swooping, Bobby and his gun stabbed viciously at the invaders.

Like giant, graceful birds the Spitfires screamed through the air, never letting up on their relentless peppering.

The Nazi pilots' lips tightened. This was a warmer reception than they had expected.

With a groan, one of them let go his controls as a bullet bit viciously into his hand. He dragged his glove off with his teeth and glanced ruefully at his hand.

Hastily the navigator began to bind up his pilot's wound, yet they never relaxed their vigilance. They dare not. The Spitfires were rushing into the attack again.

With a miraculous burst of speed Dopey put his plane into a dive. Down it hurtled like an avenging thunderbolt. A rain of bullets found its mark and the Nazi pilot collapsed, choking, over his controls.

Unsteadily the bomber lurched and heeled over, as the navigator grasped the controls and sought to get the plane back to control.

Away swooped Dopey's plane, and into the breach flashed Bobby's ship. "Crack - crack-crack." With a groan the German navigator collapsed and the Nazi bomber fell through the air like a plummet, smoke spewing from its tail.

Flames bursting from the fuselage, the bomber fell into a sickening spin and crashed down, a ball of fiery wreckage. Bobby grinned and flashed his plane round to engage yet another of the attackers.

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AGILE as quicksilver the Spitfires danced round the Nazi bombers. Still that stream of accurate shooting continued.

Bullet-holes appeared on the Nazi Swastika that decorated the plane. Twenty, thirty bullets plunged into it. Suddenly, with a tremendous explosion, the engine burst. The plane's crew hadn't a chance, and one more Nazi bomber dropped, flaming, to the ground.

"Cornflower Red calling Station Control," rapped out Bobby. "Have brought down two bandits. Remainder proceeding East. May I continue action?"

"Cornflower Red" replied Richardson. "Good work, carry on!" He put down the microphone. "Two, not so dusty," he remarked.

Headed due east the Cornflower Red planes set off. They had driven back one attack, but there was still work to be done, harrying the Nazi bombers in their flight.

But another raid had yet to be met.

"B. Flight take off. Raid No. 2," ordered Richardson. The nervous tension of the waiting pilots was shed like an overcoat. They leaped into their waiting planes.

Moving steadily across the dark skies came a new flight of Nazi bombers, and in that instant the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights took up the hunt.

Restlessly the searchlights roved the skies, scouring the blackness for the prey. Into the beam of light flashed a Nazi plane.

"You've got him, Charlie," snapped one of the men on the searchlights. "'Old 'im, 'old 'im, Charlie," he beseeched.

The officer in charge of the A.-A. guns rapped out an order.

"No. 1 Gun—Fire!" The gun snarled and in rapid succession others boomed out. Striving desperately to escape from the relentless searchlight the Nazi bomber dived and twisted, while gunfire burst around his tail.

Again and again the A.-A. gun spoke and then the Nazi bomber burst into flame, lighting the skies around. Down, down, down . . . lurching and falling into a dive from which there would be no return.

The drone of B. Flight could be heard as it rushed towards the Nazis.

"Better warn the A.-A. people before our Fighters cop it from the guns," ordered the Group controller.

The order was flashed by telephone. "Cease fire! Cease fire!"

"They would," cursed an A.-A. gunner to his mate. "Yes," he replied, "the blinkin' R.A.F. swipes all the fun!"

Six Spitfire fighters cut across the sky. Inside a Nazi bomber the pilot saw three of the planes tearing towards him and his eyes narrowed uneasily. From the other side flashed two more Spitfires.

Like the crack of a whip the machine-guns spoke. A hurricane of bullets spat around the Nazi.

One flashed through the cockpit screen and struck the pilot. He clapped his hand to his wound and fell, fainting, from his controls. Out of control, his plane went dizzily into a death-spin, thick smoke belching from its tail. . . .

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RALPH RICHARDSON ran his hands wearily through his hair. "The worst part of our job is waiting," he remarked.

"Yes," replied his clerk. He looked at his watch. "A Flight should be back soon."

Down in the flying field the planes of A. Flight were descending. In the ghostly shrouded blackness of the aerodrome the men of the ground staff got busy.

Re-fuelling, re-stocking with ammunition, hasty repairing of minor damages. All was done with as much speed and efficiency as if it had been broad daylight.

High above one of the pilots of Flight B. was talking into his microphone.

"Cornflower Blue calling . . . Cornflower Blue calling. Two bandits down. Remaining two have entered clouds—over sea—and are heading east. Two of our aircraft forced to land. Should we proceed with action?" Over to you."

"They've been up half an hour. They must be getting short of petrol," said someone.

Richardson picked up his microphone. "Cornflower Blue. Cornflower Blue. Discontinue action and return."

As he replaced his mike he turned to find Bobby at his elbow. "Any luck?" he inquired.

"No more, sir. The guns ran out," replied Bobby.

"You did very well. Get your craft available and rest."

"They're working on them now, sir. We'll be ready in twenty minutes time." He paused, "You'll send up my flight again, sir?"

"I said rest!" snapped Richardson. Bobby seemed reluctant to leave. "Very well, sir," he said, with a reluctant grimace.

"Cheeky young devil," murmured Richardson as he strode out. But he said it with a half-grin.

Richardson turned to his work. The Nazis were on the run that night, but danger was not yet over, by any means. The station dare not relax.

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BRITAIN is on guard. Our defences are facing the first real test since the R.A.F. struck a blow at the Kiel Canal which reverberated round the world.

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From that moment, vigilance had been doubled. Our Observation Corps were alert for the arrival of the invaders.

The Commander-in-Chief at Fighter Control spoke curtly into the phone. "Southern Group? A raid is entering your area. Deal with it."

The phone operator at Southern Control raised his eyebrows. "Raid? Yes, sir. They're coming into the balloon barrage."

He put down the receiver and turned to the man on his right. "It looks as if there's going to be some excitement," he said, with a smile.

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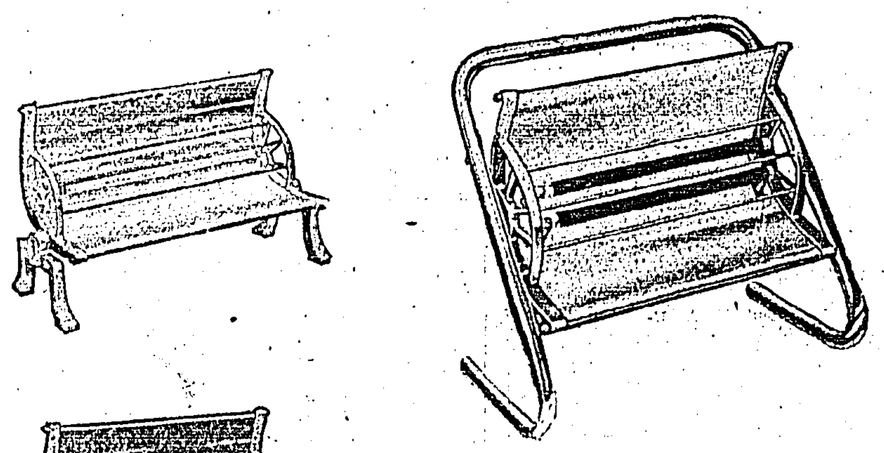

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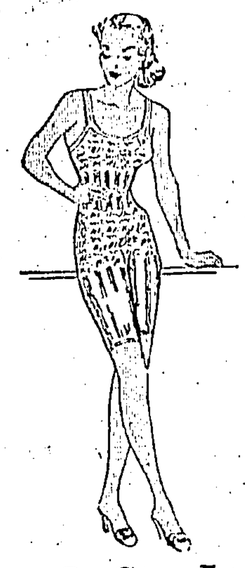

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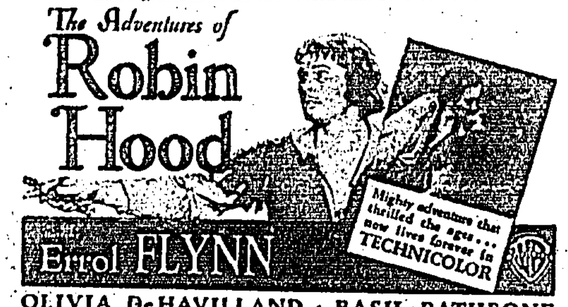

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Summoned before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for allowing his car to remain in Des Voeux Road Central for a period longer than necessary on January 12, C. Lauritsen, of the Dragon Motor Car Co., Happy Valley, was cautioned for the offence because of his unique driving record.

Sub-Insp. F. J. Clarke, prosecuting, produced defendant's record card, which dated from 1910.

R. de W. Waller, of the 20th Heavy Battery, R. A., was fined $5 for driving a car without an appropriate driving licence in Queen's Road Central on January 10.

V. W. Benwell, residing at Smithfield, Kennedy Town, was fined $2 for failing to draw his car close to the left side of the road in allowing passengers to alight in Queen's Road Central on January 13.

A lorry driver, Kan Sik, summoned for driving at a speed of 30 miles per hour in King's Road on January 15, was cautioned owing to his good record.

VATICAN HOPES FOR PEACE

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The "News Chronicle" reports that the Pope has asked agents in London, Paris and Berlin to sound out reactions to the forthcoming tour of Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under Secretary of State.

Enquiries at the Apostolic Delegation office in London do not support the report.

Bachelor Peer Loses Leg

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Earl Peel, who is one of the wealthiest bachelor peers, recently had to have his right foot amputated as a result of an accident while he was shooting over a friend's Hampshire estate. He is reported to be making good progress.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

LATE NEWS

I.R.A. Explosions

LONDON, Feb 15 (Reuter).—An explosion, believed to have been caused by the I.R.A., occurred about midnight at a shop in the centre of Birmingham. One injured man has been sent to hospital.

A bomb also exploded in the Birmingham suburb of Aston. Three unexploded bombs were discovered in the centre of the city.

Vatican Rationing

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Even the Vatican has had to come into line with the rest of Europe. It has established rationing of sugar, bread, coffee, butter, tobacco and petrol.

Tweedsmuir Cremation

MONTREAL, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Tweedsmuir's body has been cremated. The brief, simple service was attended by Lady Tweedsmuir, Mr. Alistair Buchan (Lord Tweedsmuir's son) and a few other mourners.

Danish Ship Lost

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is reported that five of the crew of the Danish ship Martin Goldschmidt (2,095-tons) have been rescued by a Norwegian vessel off the north-west coast of Scotland. Fifteen of the crew are reported lost.

U-Boat Takes 2 Men

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A U-Boat has arrived at Wilhelmshaven with two survivors of the Norwegian steamer Elka (1,503 tons) which has been reported missing since January 27, according to a cable received by the owners from the Norwegian consulate in Hamburg. The Elka had a crew of 16.

"SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND"

Prince Bernhard having a sandwich lunch with his adjutant during a tour of inspection of Dutch Army manoeuvres.

Japanese Seeking Recognition

Ambassador Submits Memorandum

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 14, (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sawada, has submitted a memorandum to the Foreign Office, seeking recognition by the French Government of the fact that "a state of hostilities on a large scale exists in China."

This is apparently part of a Japanese plan to induce France to assume a more definite neutral attitude towards the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Japan, apparently, requires a formal statement from France, indicating that she will permit no traffic on the Yunnan Railway which would assist China.

No Munitions Moving

The impression prevails in Paris that no munitions are moving on the Yunnan Railway, but it is believed that there have been some smuggling of arms across the border.

It is admitted that trucks, oils and other materials are carried into China, but it is insisted that these are not considered as war supplies.

It is understood that the exchange of Japanese and French political views will continue.

France, however, will make no effort to renew the Franco-Japanese trade agreement, which expires on March 15, unless the question of the bombings of the Yunnan Railway is first settled.

Neutral Ships At Control Bases

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—On February 13, there were 20 neutral ships in United Kingdom contraband control bases, of which 14 had been there five days or less.

During the week ended February 10, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 123 ships which had arrived since February 3 and 32 outstanding from the previous week.

In 97 cases, the entire cargoes were released on first consideration or after enquiries. Altogether 74 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy of manifests, and in 60 such cases the vessels were released subject to formal checking of the original manifests.

Valve of Navicerts

LONDON, Feb. 14 (British Wireless).—The First U.S.A. ship with her cargo completely covered by navicerts arrived at an Allied contraband control base with a mixed cargo destined for Italy and Turkey, and was held up only two and a half hours.

Preference System Introduced

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—With the view to expediting production and delivery of cotton goods to meet Government requirements and export orders, a system of preference directions will be brought into operation under the control of the cotton industry.

The order will be issued to-day empowering the Minister of Supply to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry to give preference to the production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments or for other approved purpose despite obligations to which they may be subject under contracts for which no directions have been issued, for example, orders for home trade.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

A Chinese, Wong Ping, 36, was knocked down in Des Voeux Road Central early this morning by a car driven by Tang Yee-wing. Wong was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with injuries to his left leg.

A coolie, Mak Ip, employed in the Kowloon Naval Dockyard, was knocked down yesterday by a motor bus driven by Wong Tung-chau in Shanghai Street. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to his arms and legs.

JAPANESE TO BLAME

Italian Property Bombed In Shensi

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15, (Reuter).—An alleged official document, which is received from the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchung, South Shensi, is stated to confirm that Japanese aircraft and not Chinese, as previously reported, were responsible for the two bombings on this city last October.

The document states: "Two months after the raids, a radio station in Germany, quoting a despatch from Rome, broadcast news to the effect that Chinese planes were responsible for the bombing of the Catholic Mission buildings in Hanchung on October 25 and 30.

"This report was picked up by a reliable news agency and relayed around the world. When this Mission read the report, it wrote to the local Chinese authorities testifying that the report was without foundation.

Protest Filed

"The Mission also requested the Italian Government to file a protest with the Japanese Government for its indiscriminate destruction of Third Power property."

Thirty-five Japanese planes are said to have bombed Hanchung on October 25, killing 83 and wounding 70.

About 200 buildings are stated to have been destroyed.

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The Italian Mission buildings are said to have been damaged in both raids.

Bail Opposed By Police

Cashier Remanded In Kowloon Court

The question of whether bail was or was not to be granted was argued at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day when the Hon. Mr. M. W. Lo appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on behalf of Chu Siu-po, 31, booking office cashier, who was charged with uttering a forged document—a ticket purported to have been issued by the Hongkong and Kowloon Cinema Co., Ltd.

Charged with Chu was Leung Ming, 29, theatre attendant, who was accused of possession of eight forged tickets purported to have been made and authorised by the Cinema Co.

Det.-Sergeant Baldwin prosecuted and asked for a 48 hours' remand saying that police enquiries had not been completed.

Bail Opposed

Mr. Lo asked for bail for Chu, but Det.-Sergeant Baldwin opposed the request, stating that enquiries had yet to be conducted.

Mr. Lo said this was no reason why Chu should not be granted bail. Chu had been arrested on the night of February 13, and Mr. Lo maintained that Chu was entitled to bail.

Mr. Macfadyen said, presumably, enquiries to be made would go as much in Chu's favour as against him. Surely, in the public interest, it would be favourable that until the Police had completed their enquiries defendant should not be allowed out on bail, said Mr. Macfadyen.

Mr. Lo submitted that Mr. Macfadyen had absolutely no power to remand defendant at all without going into the question of bail.

Judicial Discretion

Mr. Macfadyen replied that it was a matter for judicial discretion. Besides, in this case, it was in the public interest that defendant should be remanded for 48 hours without bail.

Det.-Sergeant Baldwin had previously stated that enquiries had to be made because it was understood that the offence had been going on for sometime and there were other persons involved.

At the request of Mr. Lo, Mr. Macfadyen provisionally fixed $1,000 as the bail.

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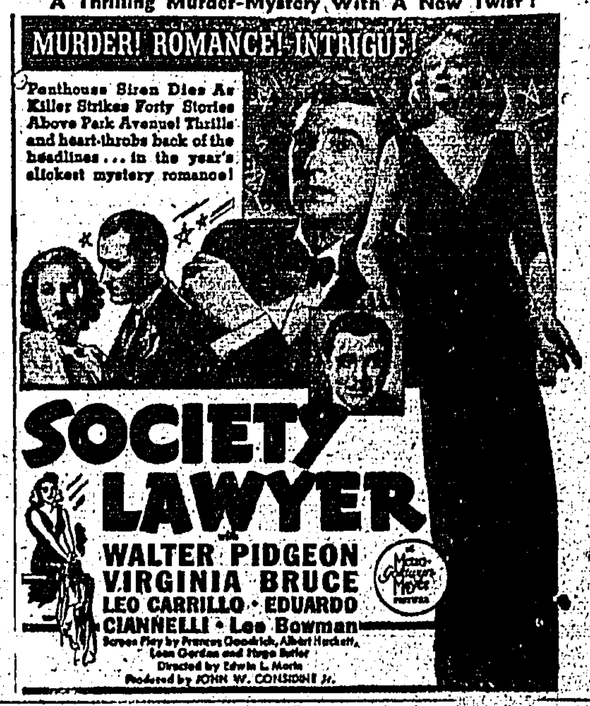

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